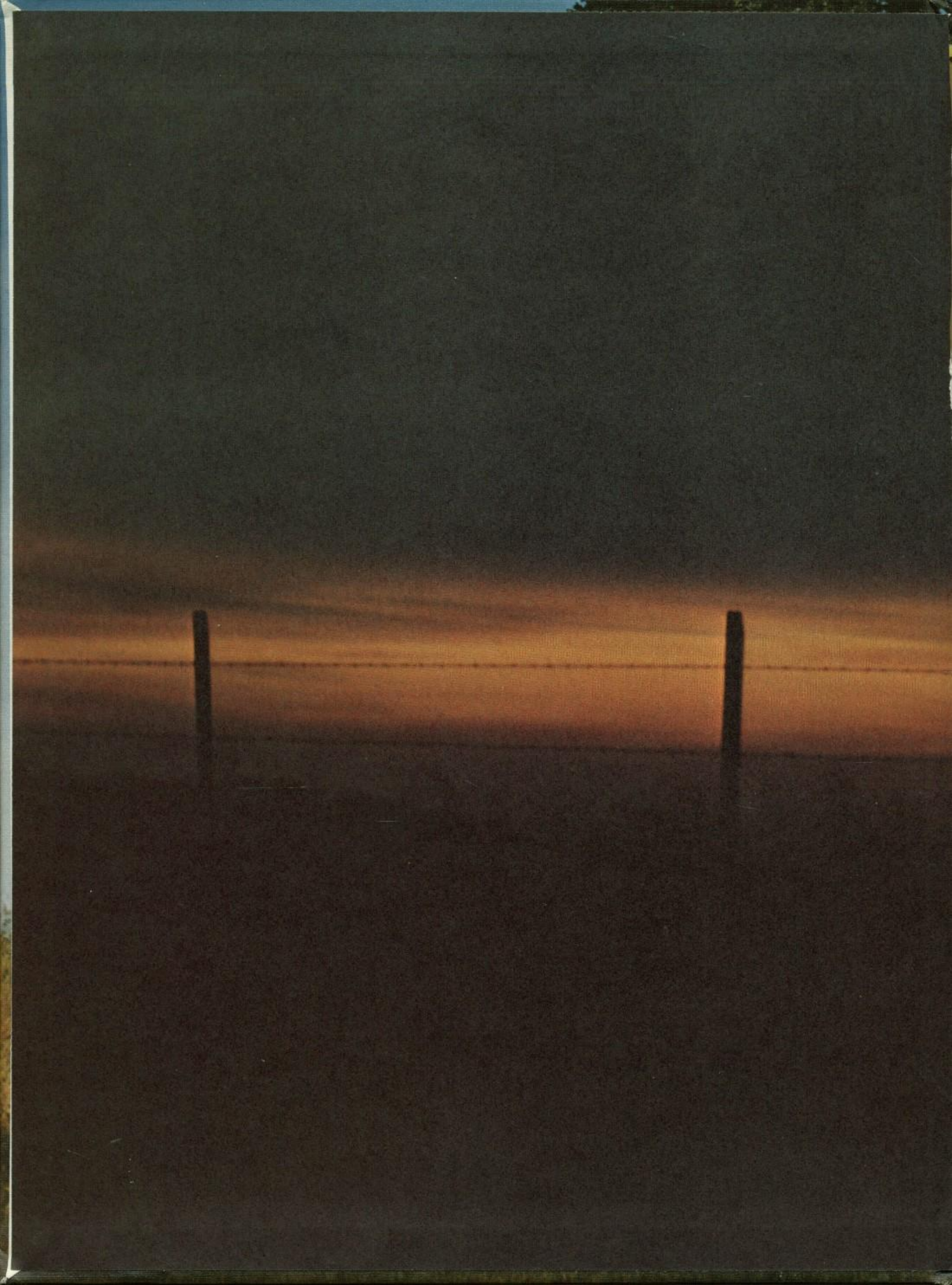


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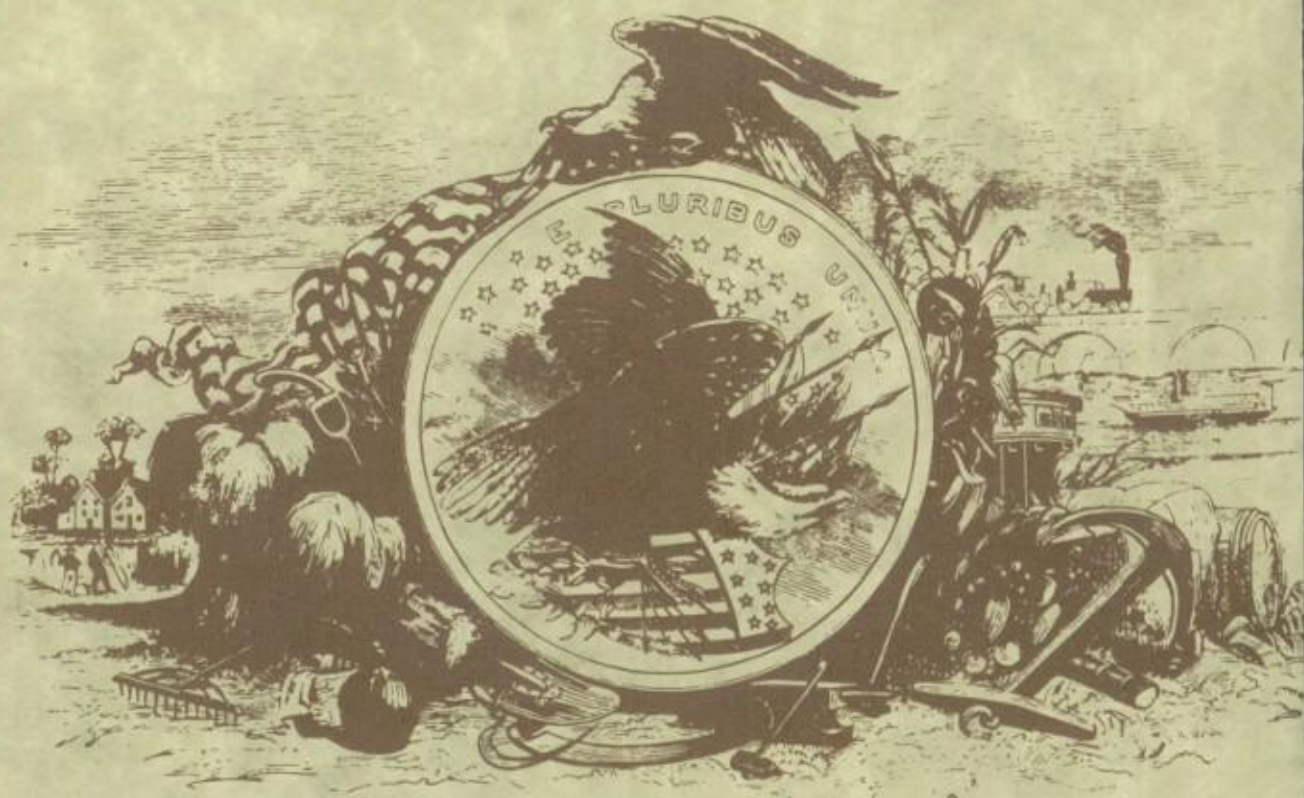
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Lower Center: William Penn makes a trade with some of the Indians who inhabited North America before the arrival of the white man. Lower Left: Negro slaves work in the sugarcane fields under the harsh reprimand of their overseers. Similar scenes occurred in tobacco and cotton fields all over the south. Lower Right: Colonists load tobacco aboard ship en route to England. Opposite Page, Center: The British surrender to General George Washington as the Revolutionary War ends in victory for the Americans. Lower Left: As the nation's seat of government in the new city of Washington, D. C. enjoys the new capitol building, many back country citizens still lived in log cabins and spent most of their time outdoors. Lower Right: Southerners developed the plantation house as their preferred residence.

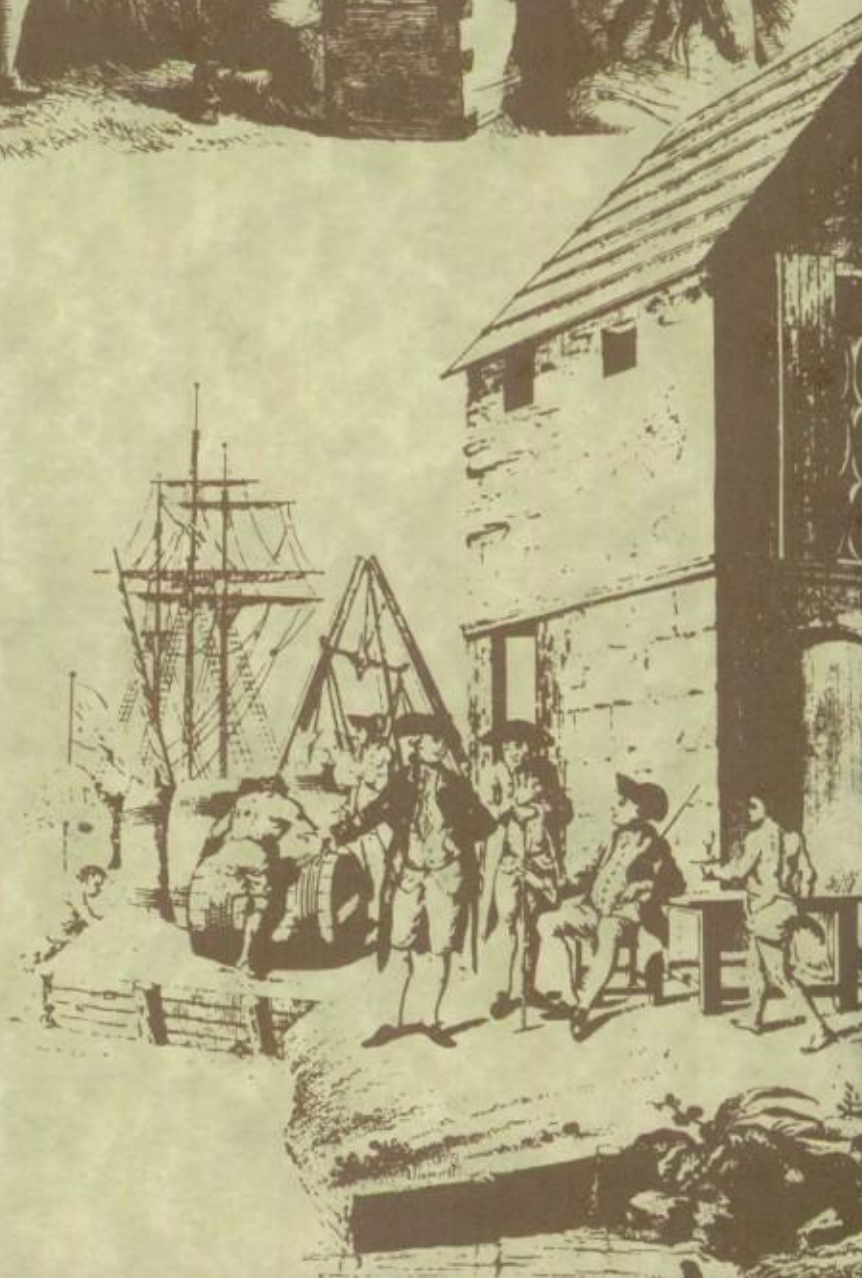


From Colonist to Statesman

For 150 years, settlers in the New World thought of themselves as English—colonists in America, but nonetheless loyal British subjects. Slowly a Way of Life developed here which was uniquely our own: enduring untold hardships and coping with situations which had no counterpart in the Old World, the colonists came to value their independence and freedom to make their own decisions above any remaining tie to the Mother Country.

The United States of America, today the most prominent nation in the world, began as an ideal in the minds of a small handful of men during one of our nation's bleakest periods. Through the selfless efforts of a few radical patriots, the colonies were able to break away from England and become free to govern themselves without the interference of the king.

The Declaration of Independence, signed by 56 delegates from the original 13 colonies, dissolved all political bands between England and the New World. With this





Left: Influential Americans of the Revolutionary Period and early independence include George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Alexander Hamilton. Second Row: Benjamin Franklin, John Marshall, and John Hancock. Below: The militia struggled valiantly to construct shelters in which to survive the winter at Valley Forge.



independence, the colonies were free to set up their own form of government, but because of sectional grievances and the Revolutionary War, for 11 years no action to establish a functional central government took place. During this period the 13 states were joined together by the Articles of Confederation. Finally, in 1787 in Philadelphia, 55 delegates representing the states developed the Constitution. Once signed by the delegates, it was presented to the states for ratification, and was almost turned down, for many political leaders of the day feared that the national government might become too powerful since no direct freedoms were guaranteed to the people. With the promise to add a Bill of Rights, the Constitution was approved by the needed 9 states in just over 9 months, but the final state to approve waited nearly 2½ years. Half the votes were very close—only a few more negative votes would have changed the results—and the course of history.

In 1791 the states ratified the first 10 amendments, adopted by the first Congress, which have come to be known as the Bill of Rights. These amendments to the Constitution guarantee us freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, and many other civil rights which provide personal privileges as well as civic responsibilities. For almost two hundred years this amazing document has stood without major change, a tribute to the genius of the men of 1776.

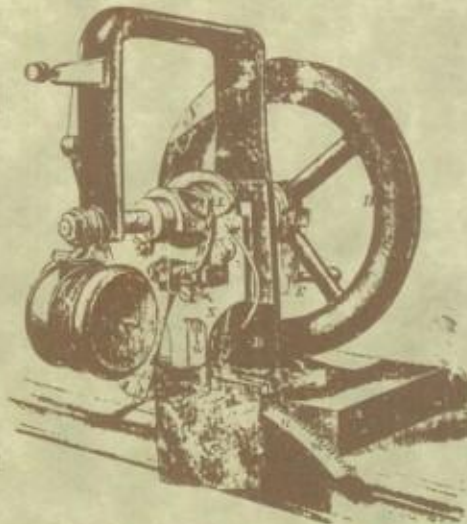
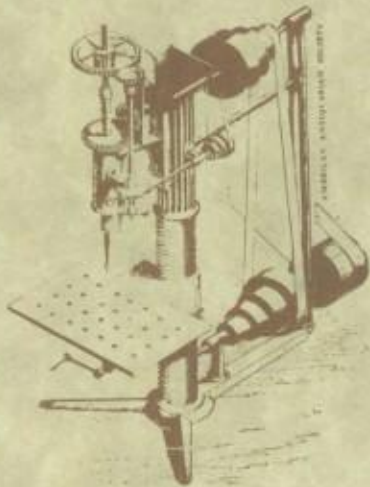
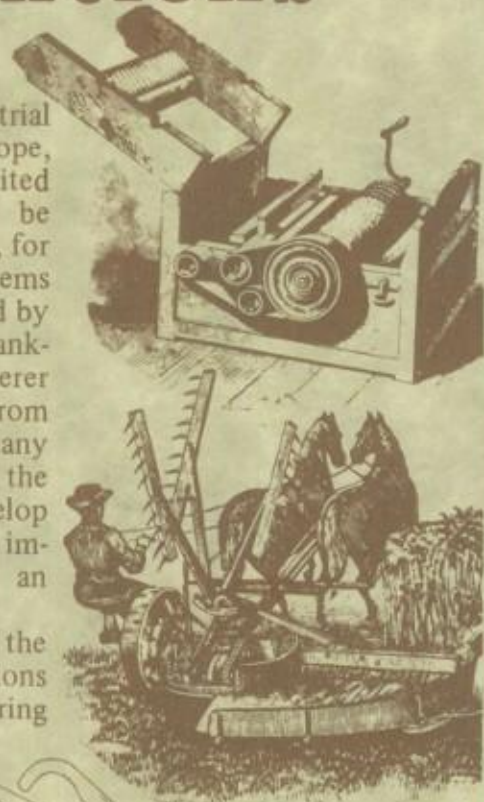


Inventions

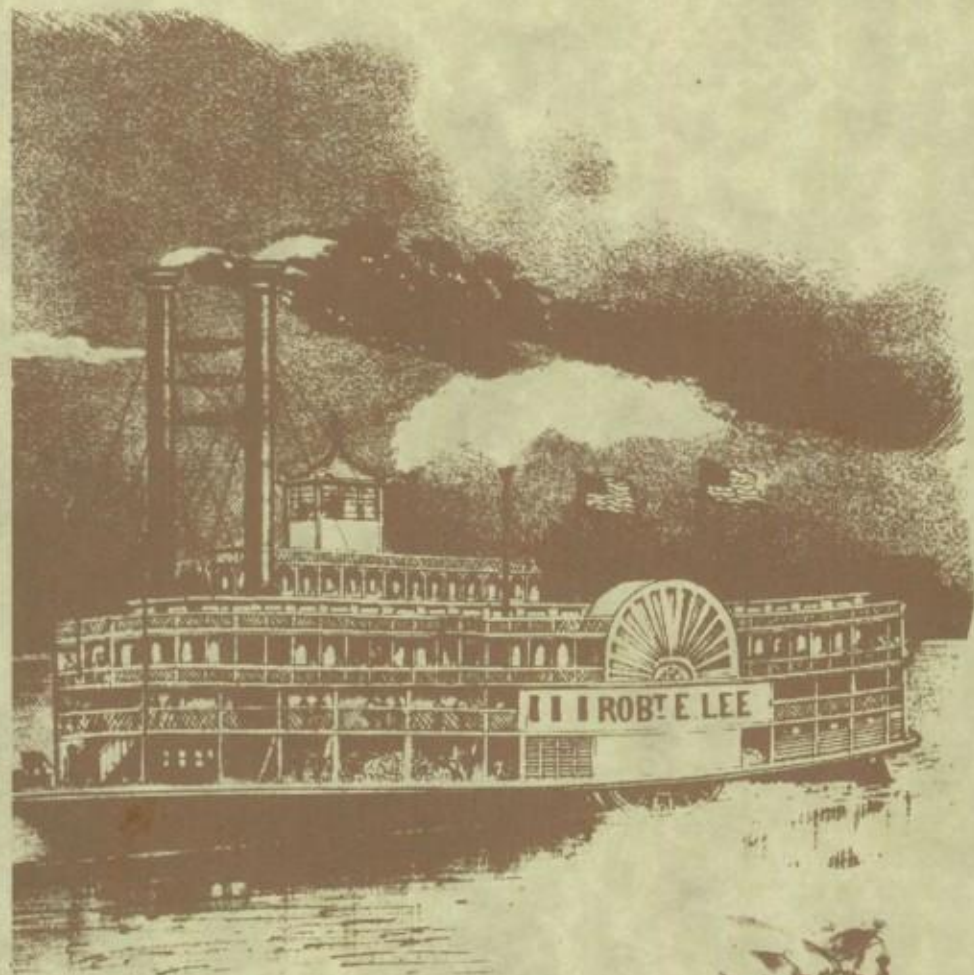
Although the Industrial Revolution was born in Europe, it grew to maturity in the United States. America may well be called the land of inventions, for many of the most useful items of today were first developed by its citizens. The whittling Yankee and the Philadelphia tinkerer became a strong tradition: from Benjamin Franklin and his many "scientific experiments" to the present day, the urge to develop new labor-saving devices or improve on others has been an American pastime.

Listed here are a few of the major inventive contributions which Americans made during the 19th century.

- 1793 Eli Whitney
cotton gin
- 1806 Robert Fulton
steamboat *Clermont*
- 1811 Eli Whitney
interchangable parts
- 1830 Peter Cooper
locomotive *Tom Thumb*
- 1831 Cyrus Mc Cormick
reaper
- 1837 John Deere
steel-blade plow
- 1837 Samuel F. B. Morse
telegraph
- 1851 Isaac M. Singer
sewing machine
- 1852 Elisha G. Otis
elevator
- 1855 Charles Goodyear
vulcanized rubber
- 1867 Christopher Sholes
typewriter
- 1868 George Westinghouse
air brake
- 1874 Joseph Glidden
barbed wire
- 1876 Alexander Graham Bell
telephone
- 1877 Thomas A. Edison
phonograph
- 1879 Thomas A. Edison
incandescent light bulb
- 1888 George Eastman
Kodak camera
- 1896 Henry Ford
first automobile
- 1903 Wilbur & Orville Wright
first airplane



Inventions Pictured: cotton gin, reaper, steel-blade plow, drill press, sewing machine.



Top: One of many Mississippi steamers, the Robert E. Lee paddles down to New Orleans. Center: The Indians of the Great Plains explode in an attack on the wild buffalo which used to roam in herds of thousands. Below: Small trains became the most popular means of transport as people started moving and trading across the country. Opposite Page, Top: Wagon trains to the western territories often consisted of thirty or more wagons. These trains brought thousands of families to the west coast. Center: Samuel Brannan and "Buffalo Bill" Cody were two of the most sought-after guides for pioneers through the Great Plains region. Right: Immigrants from foreign countries flood New York, the "melting pot" of the new world, as these people hurried to shed their ethnic backgrounds and become known as Americans.



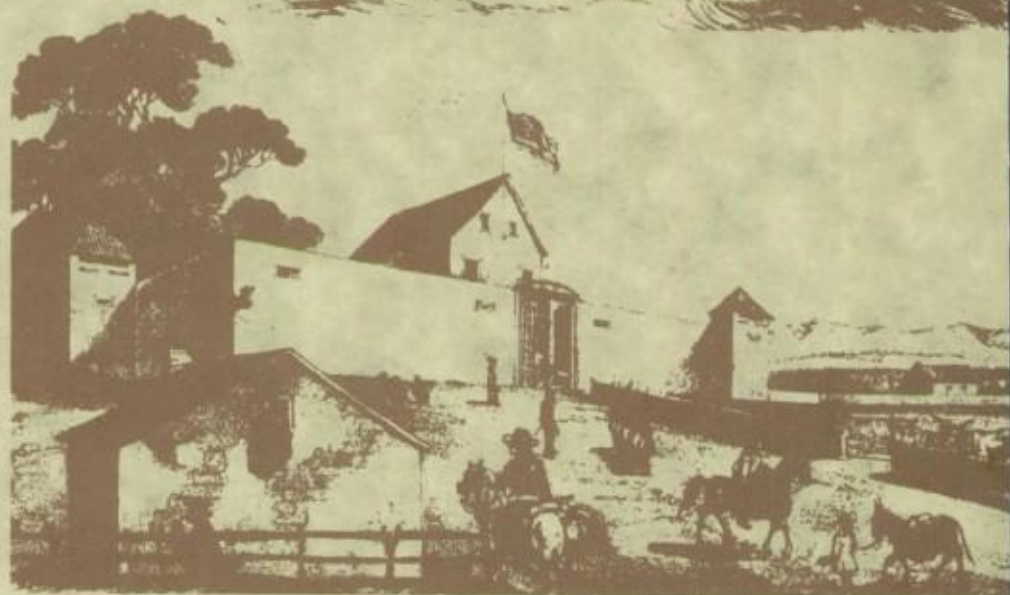
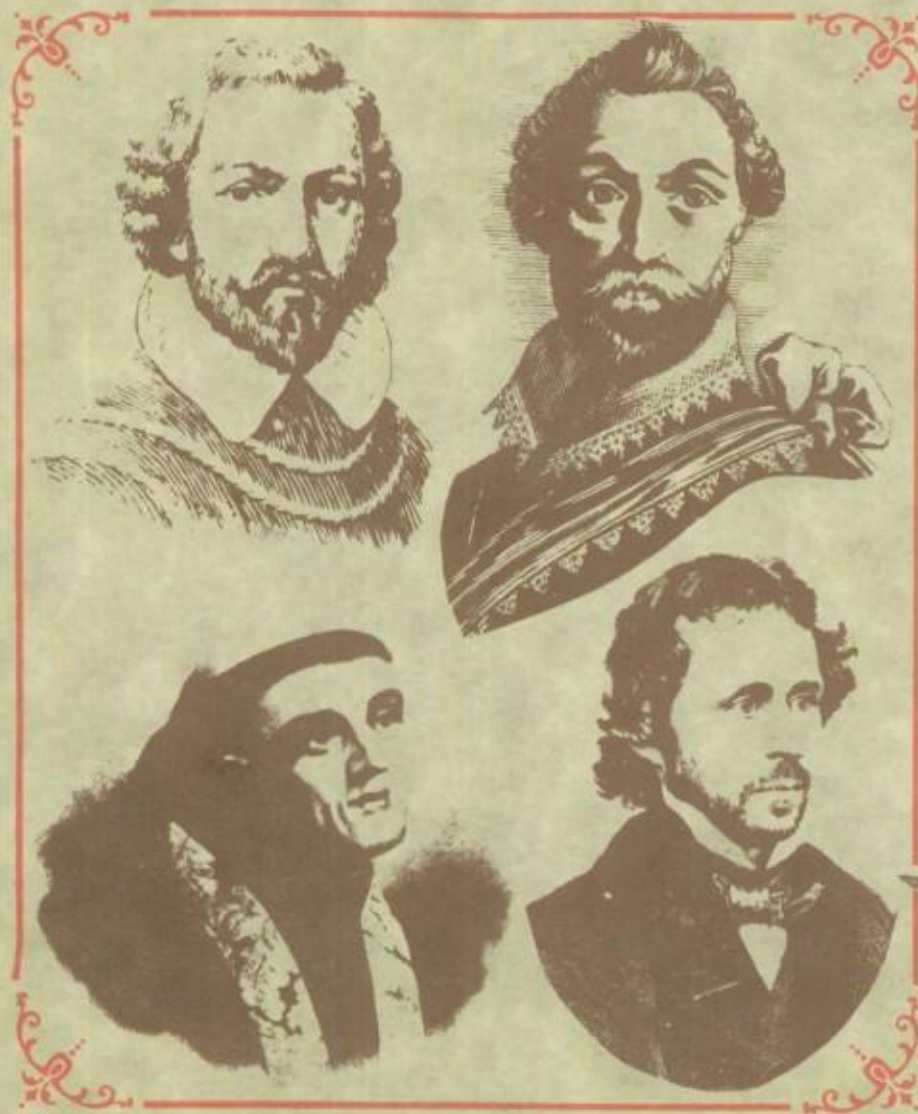
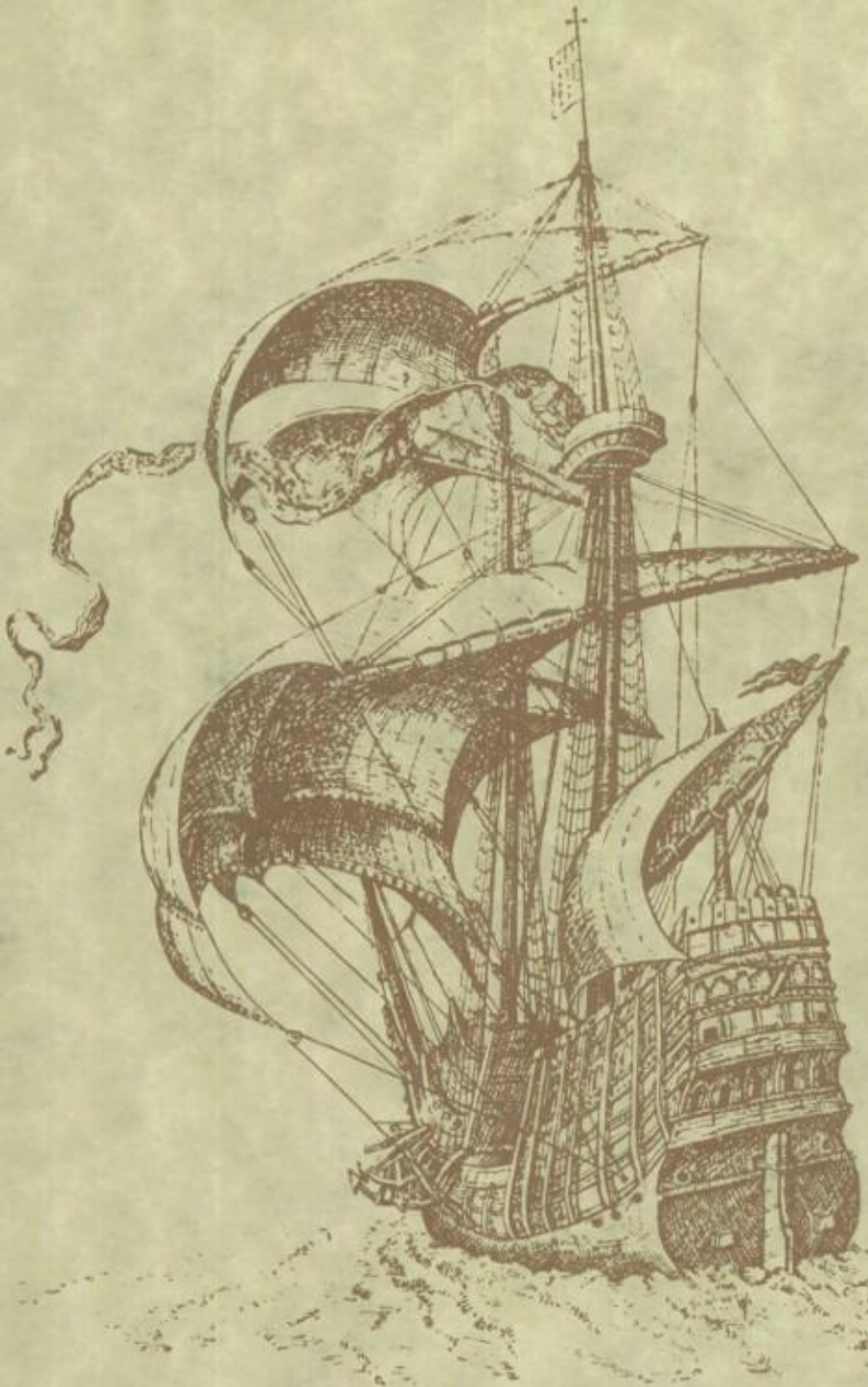
How the West was won...



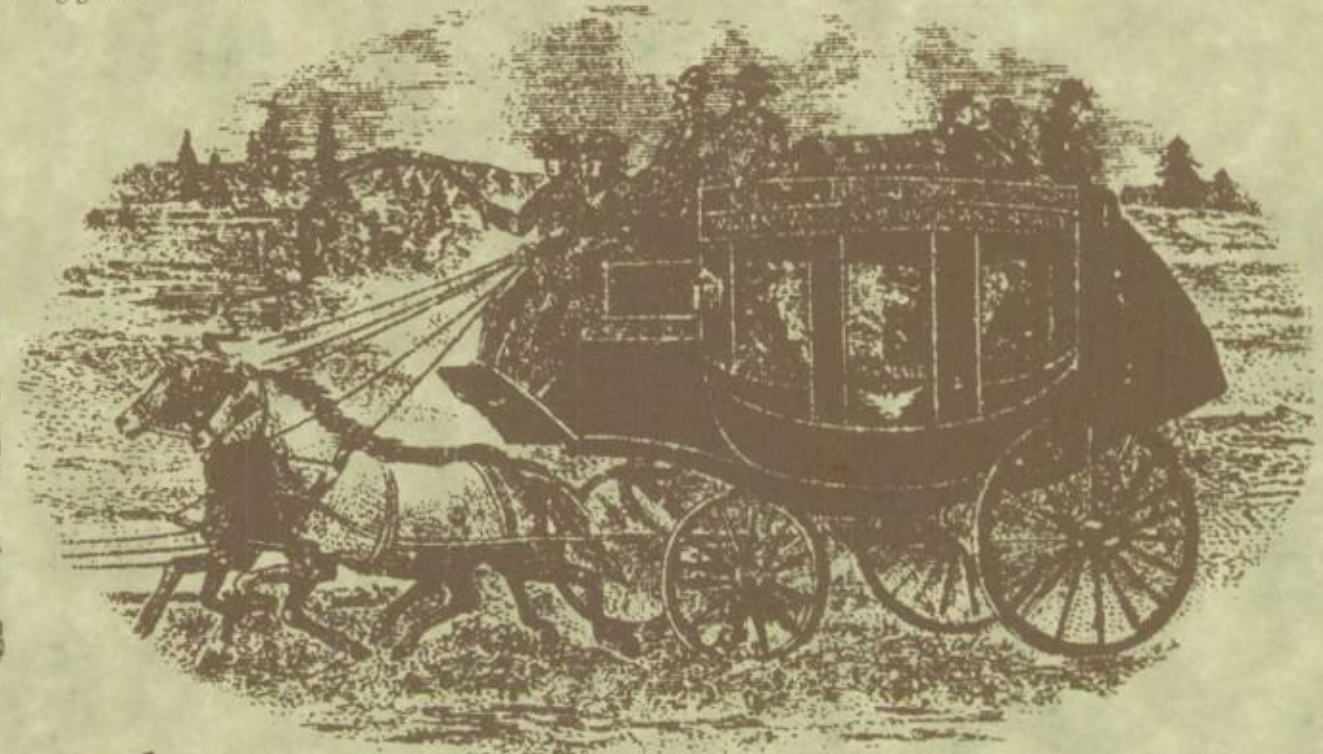
estward ho! was the cry as the 1840's saw thousands of families packing up their belongings and migrating to the west coast. Manifest Destiny, the self-proclaimed right to continually move and seek out new territory, began almost immediately after the settling of the eastern states and increased each year. It did not, however, receive major emphasis until the discovery of gold in California in 1848. It has been estimated that in that year 80,000 men, women, and children moved across the country, seeking their fortunes in the rivers and streams of California. They came from as far away as New York, joining forces with each other, leaving behind their homes and property, and starting on a three thousand mile trek from coast to coast. They came in swarms of hundreds by wagon trains, horses, and even by foot. Many obstacles confronted the pioneers on their journey, including the Rocky Mountains, the many wild rivers, and, of course, the Indians of the Great Plains. Hundreds of people were unable to complete the journey as the result of sickness and disease, and because adequate medical attention was lacking, entire wagon trains were wiped out. Others were attacked by hostile Indians and destroyed. More problems confronted the pioneers when they reached the Sierra Nevada mountains. Because of the sharp rise in height, the dry climate, and months of hard use, many pioneers found that their horses or oxen were unable to haul their wagons over the top. Several passes were eventually discovered through the mountains, but even these were extremely hazardous, because of the sudden cliffs falling hundreds of feet. Those that did not choose to try these passes had to travel all the way up to Oregon and enter California from the north.

Once in California, they quickly dispersed and went their separate ways into the foothills. It is to these thousands of pioneers who conquered the insurmountable journey, that we owe a great deal of our history as the state of California.





Far Left: This galleon was one of the many sailing vessels which explored the coast of California in the 16th Century. Lower Left: Juan Cabrillo and Sir Francis Drake were the first men to explore the coast. Father Junipero Serra was often called the founder of the missions which brought the influence of Christianity to California. John C. Fremont helped the US gain control of California in 1846. Center: Sutter's Fort stood as central California's first and major cultural and economic center. It was on Sutter's property that gold was first discovered, changing the course of California history. Lower Right: The Pony Express was the first means of mail delivery to the west and carried the mail more than halfway across the country. Left: The mining men of California sought their fortunes in the river beds and lived their lives in the foothills. Below: The Wells Fargo stage coach became the safest means of transporting gold from the Mother Lode counties to San Francisco.



The Great Struggle of California



While the British Redcoats were fighting the American colonists; while the first Continental Congress was busy declaring independence from England; and even during the framing of the Constitution, California was already being settled. As early as 1530, Spanish explorers had made their way into California. But no increase of knowledge nor attempt to settle was made for approximately 150 years. Juan Cabrillo in 1542 explored the entire coast of California to a point just north of the state boundary. Sir Francis Drake also sailed up the coast where he discovered Drake's Bay (north of San Francisco) during his journeys in 1579. And in the first years of the 17th century Sebastian Vizcaino carefully explored the coast, discovering the Bay of Monterey. Most of this time, however, California was still believed to be an island.

Jesuit missionaries entered lower California as early as 1697 and developed a series of missions for seventy years until being expelled by Charles III of Spain. Spain then began a serious effort to occupy upper California, and because of the fear of foreign danger, established San Diego and Monterey as refitting points for the Spanish galleons. Missions began springing up all along the coast until twenty one had been established. They ranged from Sonoma in the north as far south as San Diego. The last mission was established in 1823.

At this time California entered the Mexican period. Having gained its independence from Spain, Mexico extended California representation in the Mexican Congress. Secularization brought the decline of the missions, republicanism grew, foreign commerce and influence rose, and immigration increased. There was growing dissatisfaction with Mexican rule, since most of the immigrants were

Americans who disdained the Spanish influence and spoke only English.

The United States declared war against Mexico on May 13, 1846. General Stephen Kearny was sent overland from Fort Leavenworth with a large force, but Captain John C. Fremont was already in the Oregon-California area on a "scientific" expedition with a party of 60 well-armed men. Fremont supported the brief northern revolt later known as the Bear Flag republic. Within a month this group joined forces with Commodore Robert F. Stockton at Monterey, and by August 13, entered Los Angeles unopposed.

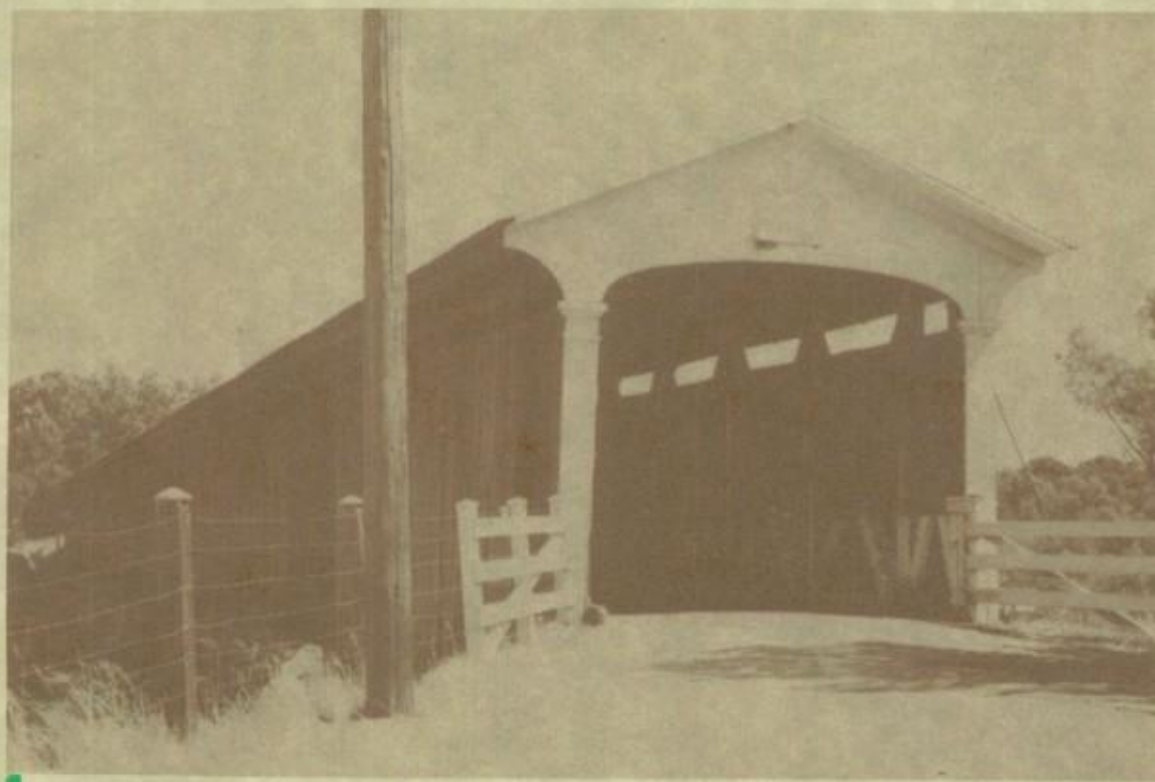
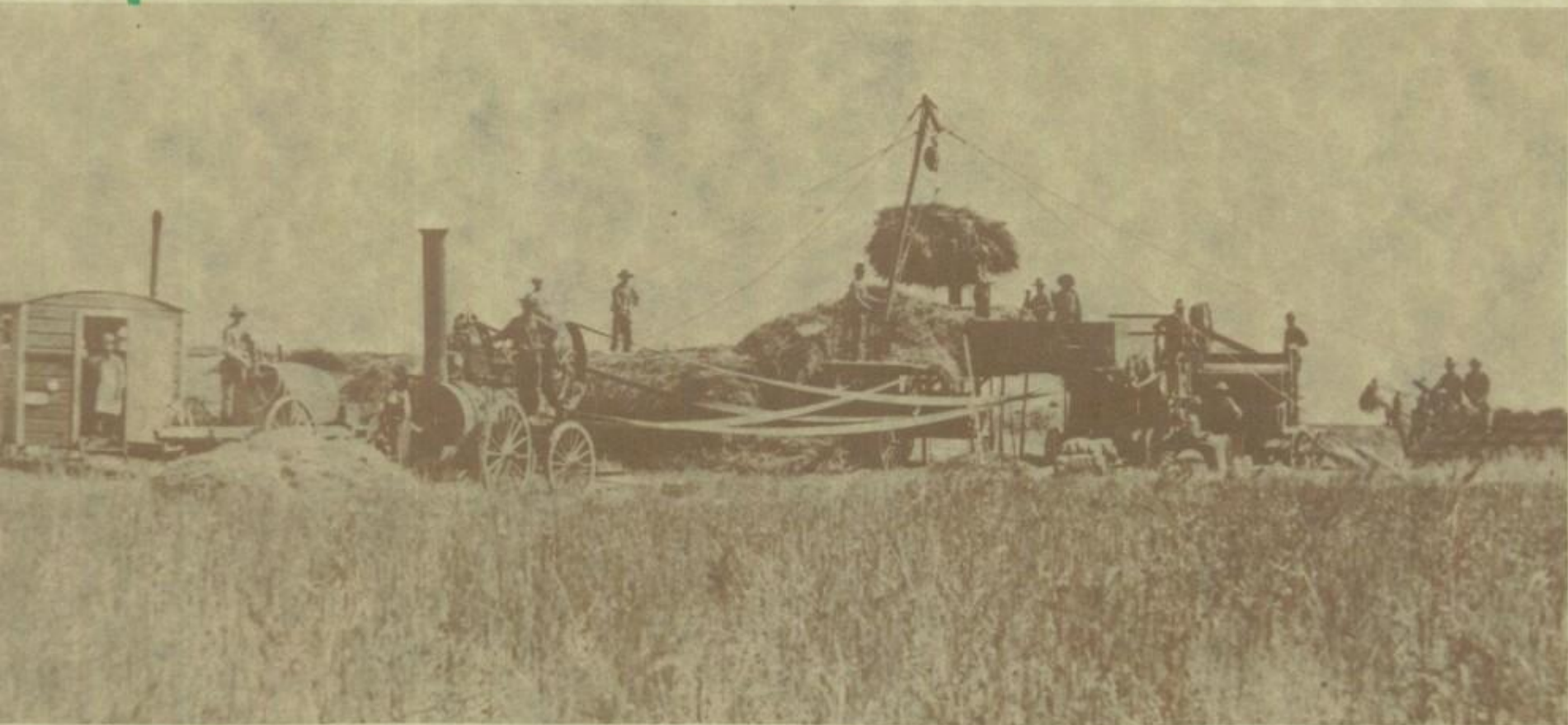
By the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, in February 1848, Mexico ceded California and the entire southwest to the United States. Discussion about what to do with California had begun in Congress in 1846 directly over the question of slavery, but until 1849 the only progress made was establishing San Francisco as a port of entry. Impatient Californians convened a constitutional convention and framed a free state Constitution and applied for admission early in 1849. On September 9, 1850, a bill finally passed Congress admitting California as a free state.

Of course the most important happening during this time was not the admission to the union, but rather the gold rush. Settlements throughout the state were completely deserted; homes, farms, and stores were abandoned; sailors deserted their ships which poured into San Francisco Bay; churches were emptied, town councils ceased to sit, merchants, clerks, lawyers, judges, even criminals all flocked to the foothills.

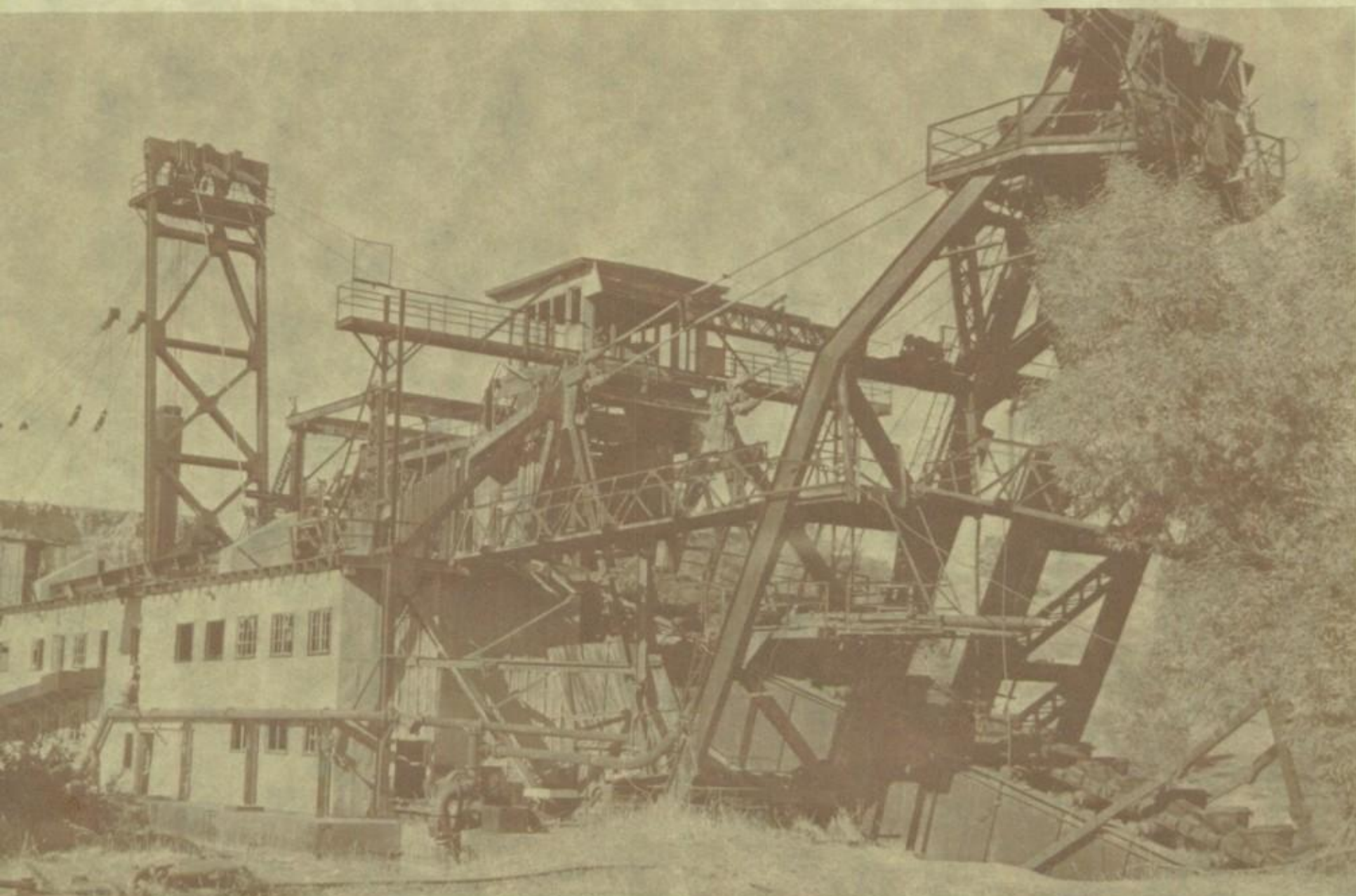
Rapid settlements, excessive prices, reckless wastes of money and wild commercial ventures characterized California's gold rush period, and not until the 1890's was stability eventually achieved.



Fertile Valley Yields Two Kinds of Gold



Top: Many early settlers in Stanislaus County harvested wheat for their living. This location is just north of McHenry and Morris Avenues, and shows the use of steam engines to provide power. **Upper Right:** For many years the gold dredge at LaGrange provided employment for miners and was the most efficient means of getting the gold out of the Tuolumne River bed. It could dig into the gravel to a depth of 90 feet. **Above:** The covered bridge at Knights Ferry remains as the only one of its kind in all of central California, and is a survivor from the 1850's. **Right:** This huge English walnut tree was the first to be planted in the San Joaquin valley and is located near Modesto at the corner of North and Dakota Avenues. It was planted in 1904 by Jacob A. Cover to prove the feasibility of raising walnuts for a cash crop.



Exploration of Stanislaus County was first made early in 1820. However, American settlements for any significant length of time were not established for another 26 years. Brigham Young, the leader of the Church of Latter Day Saints, sent Samuel Brannan to California with a crew of 250 men aboard ship. Their object was to find a place where the Mormons could live, free of persecution and according to their beliefs. Once in San Francisco, Brannan and his men sailed up the San Joaquin River. Finally they came to a location which was near the present town of Salida. This area pleased Brannan and he sent for the remainder of his party. However, while Young was coming west by land, he came to a cut in the Wasatch Mountains, where he found the valley of the Great Salt Lake. This was his choice for the settlement and he sent word to Brannan to come east. Brannan stayed, but most of the inhabitants of their primitive settlement, New Hope, returned to be with their leader. It was Brannan who in January, 1849 when gold was discovered at Sutter's mill, helped to start the stampede that brought thousands of men to California.

The easiest accesses to the mines were the rivers which led to the foothills. The rivers flowed through the great central valley and hundreds of men drifted towards Sonora. Wherever gold was discovered, towns survived,

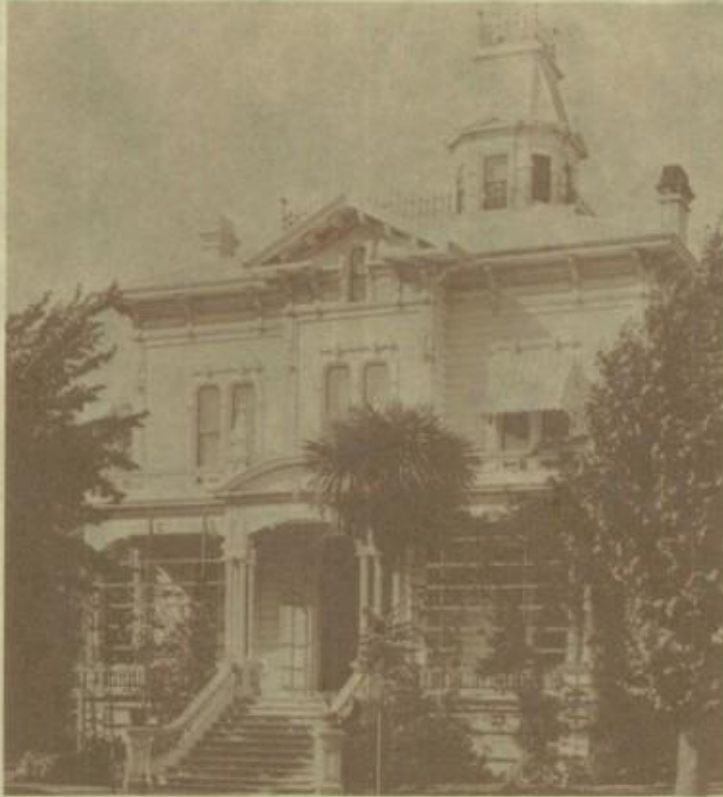
and where no gold was found, towns died. Rapid settlements along the river sprang up and moved with the news of better fields.

When California was admitted to the Union in 1850, only 27 counties were provided for in its Constitution. However, the growth of population, especially in the valley, spurred a need for more. After much rambling, another county was formed out of western Tuolumne County and called Stanislaus, named after an Indian, Estanislao, who had lived in the area after running away from a mission. The first county seat was declared to be Adamsville on the Tuolumne River. Within eighteen years, however, the seat of government had changed four times until finally, it stayed in Modesto.

After forty years of mining, the gold fields declined in productivity and wheat and cattle ranching increased. Gold had brought the people to California, but the land had made them stay. At this point in the county's history, ferries were the most important necessity. They provided the gateway to the outside markets and started trade within the valley. In 1869 the transcontinental railroad reached California, and a year later the Southern Pacific line reached Stanislaus County. Wherever the railroad went it created new towns, just as the gold fields had once done. Townsites that were not close to the railheads became abandoned as the towns literally packed up and moved to be close to the tracks.

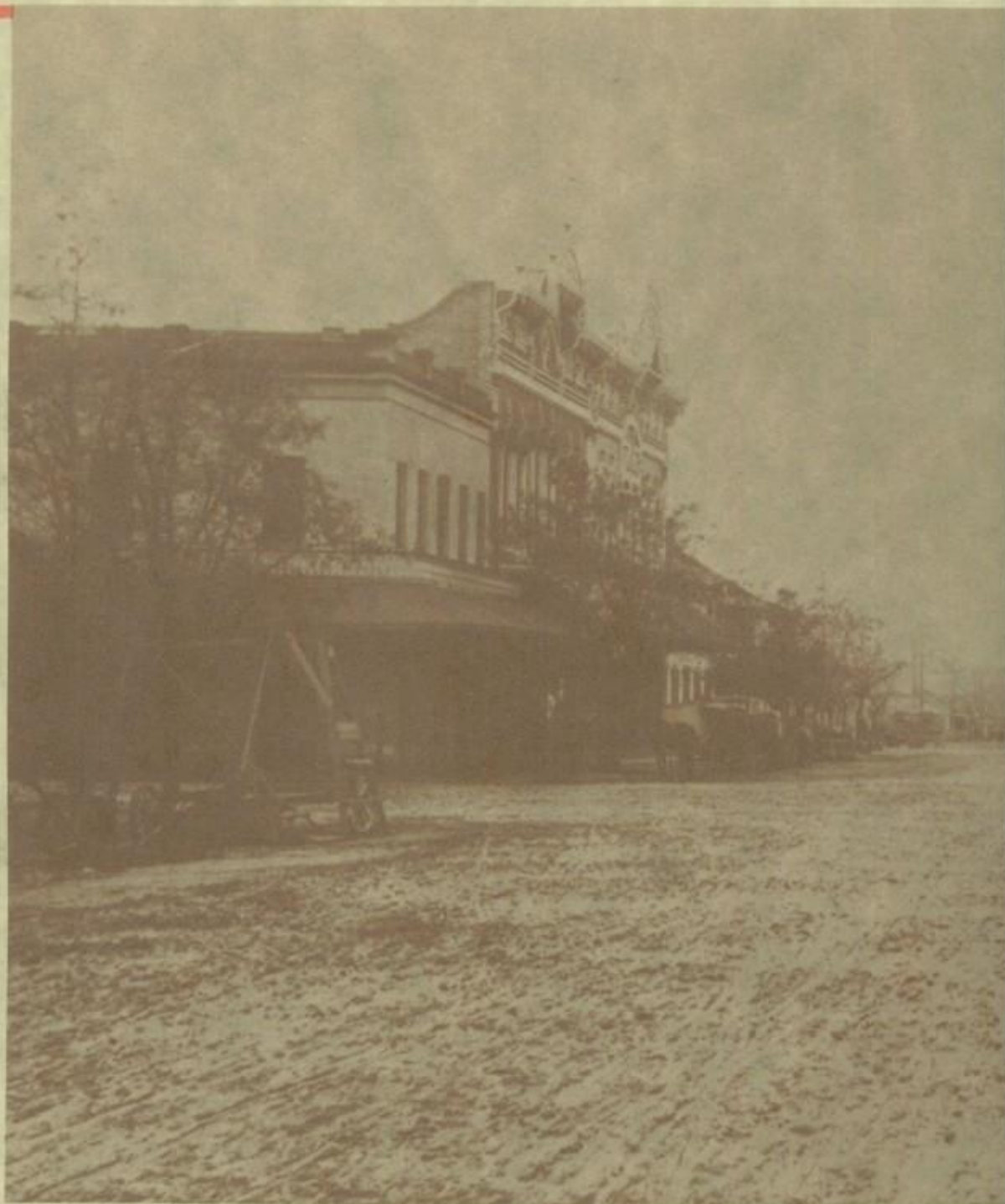


Lusty Town Thrives on Commerce



Modesto began as one of these small railroad towns. In fact, it was the joining of three towns. When the tracks were to be laid for the Southern Pacific, the crossing of the Tuolumne was chosen about three and one half miles above Paradise City, an early Stanislaus town. Railroad officials asked the citizens of this community and of a neighboring town called Tuolumne City if they would like the train to come through their towns. The cost of such a diversion was \$100,000. Rather than pay this price, the towns proposed to move all their buildings to the new town, which was in its earliest days named Ralston after William E. Ralston, one of the railroad officials. He objected to the use of his name, however, and someone suggested the new name of Modesto to take its place. Soon the buildings of Paradise and Tuolumne were moved in and the old townsites quickly disappeared.

An election for a new county seat was approaching at this time and many people suggested that Modesto be the place. Modesto was the most centrally located town in the county, but Knights Ferry rather naturally had reasons for wanting to keep the title. Many arguments were raised but in the end,





Far Left: When the McHenry Mansion was built, it was approximately a quarter of a mile from town. This fine example of Victorian architecture still stands on its original site at the corner of 15th and I Streets. **Left:** Before 1900 the streets of Modesto were filled with horses and carriages. This picture was taken in front of the early courthouse. **Top:** A view of early 11th Street shows the muddy road, wooden plank sidewalks, and the architecture of the 19th century. **Above:** The location in this photo is looking south at 9th and I Streets, the present site of the arch. At the right is the edge of the Southern Pacific grounds.



Early Railroad Town Emerges into Metropolitan Center



Modesto was the victor by 457 votes. This was in 1871, and Modesto had no building adequate enough for a courthouse. In fact, Modesto was merely a small group of buildings clustered along the railroad tracks. Various empty houses were used until a courthouse could be built. Finally, in 1873, a substantial building was erected on I Street between 11th and 12th Streets. This was used until 1939, when a much larger structure was added. Modesto didn't really become a full-fledged municipal corporation until 1884. Theodore Turner became the first mayor, but violence and disorder were excessive. No police protection was provided and the saloons controlled the city. The sight of Modesto was deplorable. The streets were still unpaved, there were no sidewalks except in front of a few stores where merchants had made them from wooden planks, and garbage flooded the streets until private citizens cleaned them up. The most popular place in town was Roger's Hall, a combination banquet room, theatre, and auditorium. It was here that the first graduation ceremonies of Modesto High School were held, in 1886.

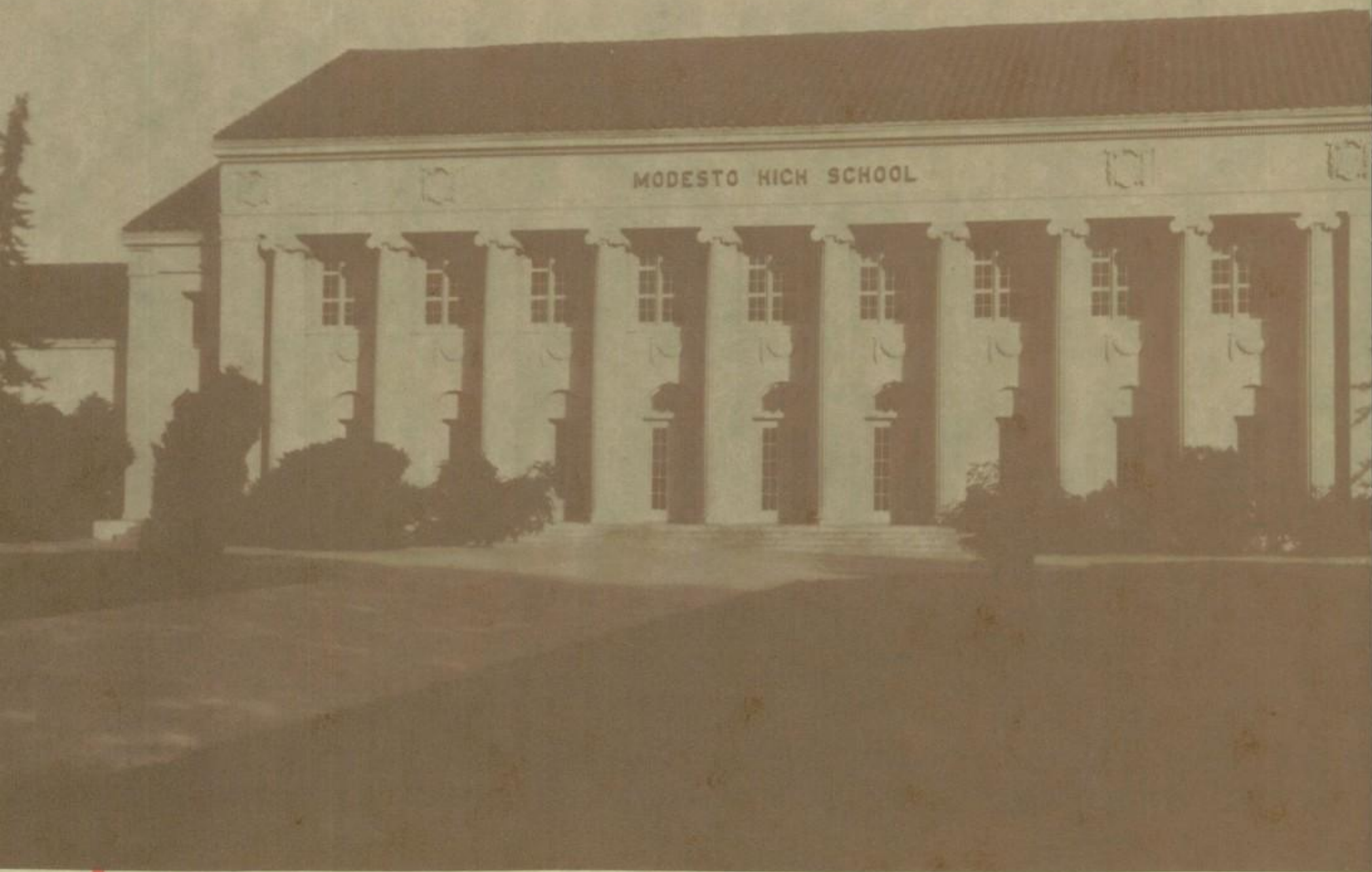




Far Upper Left: An early day funeral procession makes its way down the middle of I Street at the site of the present arch. Far Left: A few of the earliest businesses were in this building at 9th and G Streets. Above: As Modesto began to grow, more and better buildings were built, but the streets were still of mud. Looking north down 13th Street, wheat fields can be seen only four blocks away, at the edge of town. Left: One of Modesto's most prominent figures, Sol P. Elias, became mayor of Modesto in the Roaring Twenties. A graduate of Modesto High School, he went to Stanford University where he received a degree in law.



First School in County Celebrates



It was two o'clock in the afternoon and a crowd was gathering in front of the Masonic Hall on Tenth Street. The Modesto Brass Band led a procession of officials from the Masonic Lodge followed by the students and teachers of Modesto High School, encompassed by practically the entire population of Modesto. The procession marched through the streets to the site where the new schoolhouse was to be built. This gala occasion was the dedication of Modesto's first school building, a two-story, red brick structure erected on 14th Street.

Having arrived at this location, the ritual ceremony of laying the first cornerstone began. First, an introductory prayer, then a few speeches, and a tally of the contents of a casket which was to be buried beneath the cornerstone and cemented shut. Among the contents were lists of all officers of Stanislaus County and the state of California, copies of magazines and newspapers, and a few token

coins. Finally, the casket was lowered into place, capped and cemented, and the ceremony finished. What was witnessed by hundreds of people that day was not only the dedication of Modesto's first school building, but the first public education facility in all of Stanislaus County.

Almost 35 years later, the building was torn down and a new school built on 17th street. The casket was transferred to a cornerstone at this new site and reburied. At the same time, the high school was located in spacious new quarters at the edge of town at 1st and H streets.

1883 was when the first high school class was organized, and after a three year course of study, ten pupils remained as graduates. Professor R. S. Holway had been the sole teacher and principal until his departure in 1885 to accept a teaching position at the University of California.

When night fell on Modesto on May 27, 1886, the entire town poured into Roger's



00 Years



Hall to witness the first graduation ceremony of Modesto High School. Each graduate recited a quotation, then all were awarded their diplomas. At the close of the evening, the graduates were congratulated by friends and families and entered the annals of history as the Class of 1886. Among these graduates were Tillie Lewis of cannery fame and Sol P. Elias, who became mayor of Modesto during the 1920's, wrote a history of the area and was long one of the city's most colorful figures.

Upper Left: Modesto High School as it was from 1917 until 1947, when the present building was constructed. Top: An early aerial view of Modesto High shows how the courtyard was enclosed on all four sides. The cafeteria was in the basement of the building along 1st Street. Above: The first graduating class of Modesto High featured ten pupils. Prof. J. S. Wayman, second row, third from the left, was the school's only teacher. Second row, second from the right is Sol P. Elias. In the center of the front row is Tillie Lewis. Left: The first Modesto High School was in this building, located at 13th and I Streets.

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to —

Dedication

A warm smile, a friendly note of encouragement, a brief talk between classes, all make you feel a little more important when they come from this man. His deep understanding of students is demonstrated through his remarkable ability to communicate with them on their own level. His vivacious and energetic attitude toward his life at Modesto High School makes him want to contribute far more than what is required of him. He approaches his teaching as striving toward an ideal, encompassed in the surroundings of hundreds of students, who, through his unique teaching techniques, have developed a better understanding of the subject he teaches. As a supporter of all athletic events and as a participant in all school activities, his unsurpassed spirit and love for Modesto High School is evident. Through his commitments to the school, he has become a most admirable person. As an educator in the field of American History, he has developed a natural state of patriotism toward his country, state, and most importantly, his school. As chairman of the social studies department, he has the opportunity to influence each student with that same feeling. In this Bicentennial year Modesto High School is unusually fortunate to have such an appropriate individual on its staff. It is with great pleasure and due respect that we dedicate the 1976 Sycamore to Mr. John C. Sample.



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Joseph Hewes.
John Pinckney

Edward G. Hodge Jr.

Jas^d Weyman Junr.
 Thomas Lynch Junr.
 Arthur Middleton

Samuel Chavoy
Wm. Paro
Thos. Stone
Chas. Lusk

George Wythe
Richard Henry Lee
Th Jefferson
Ben Harrison
Th Nelson Jr
James Lightfoot Lee
Carver Brodton

Robt Morris
Benjamin Rush
Ben. Franklin

John Norton
Col. Lymer
Jas. Smith
Geo. Taylor
James Wilson
Capt. Tapp
James Winney
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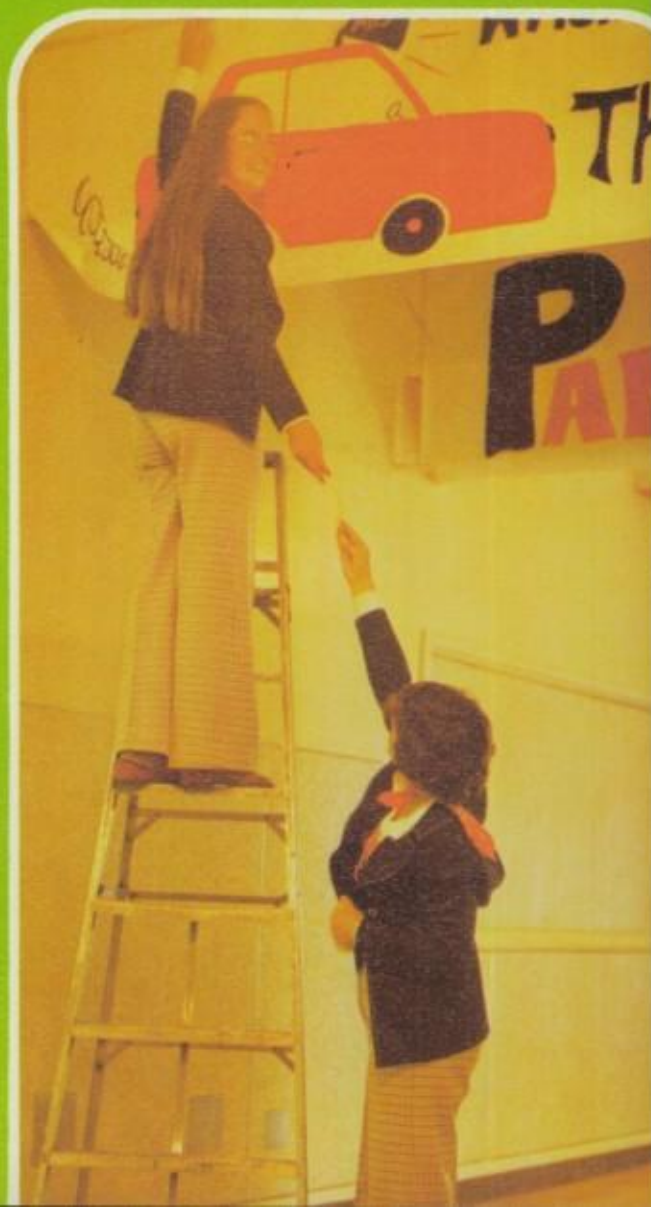
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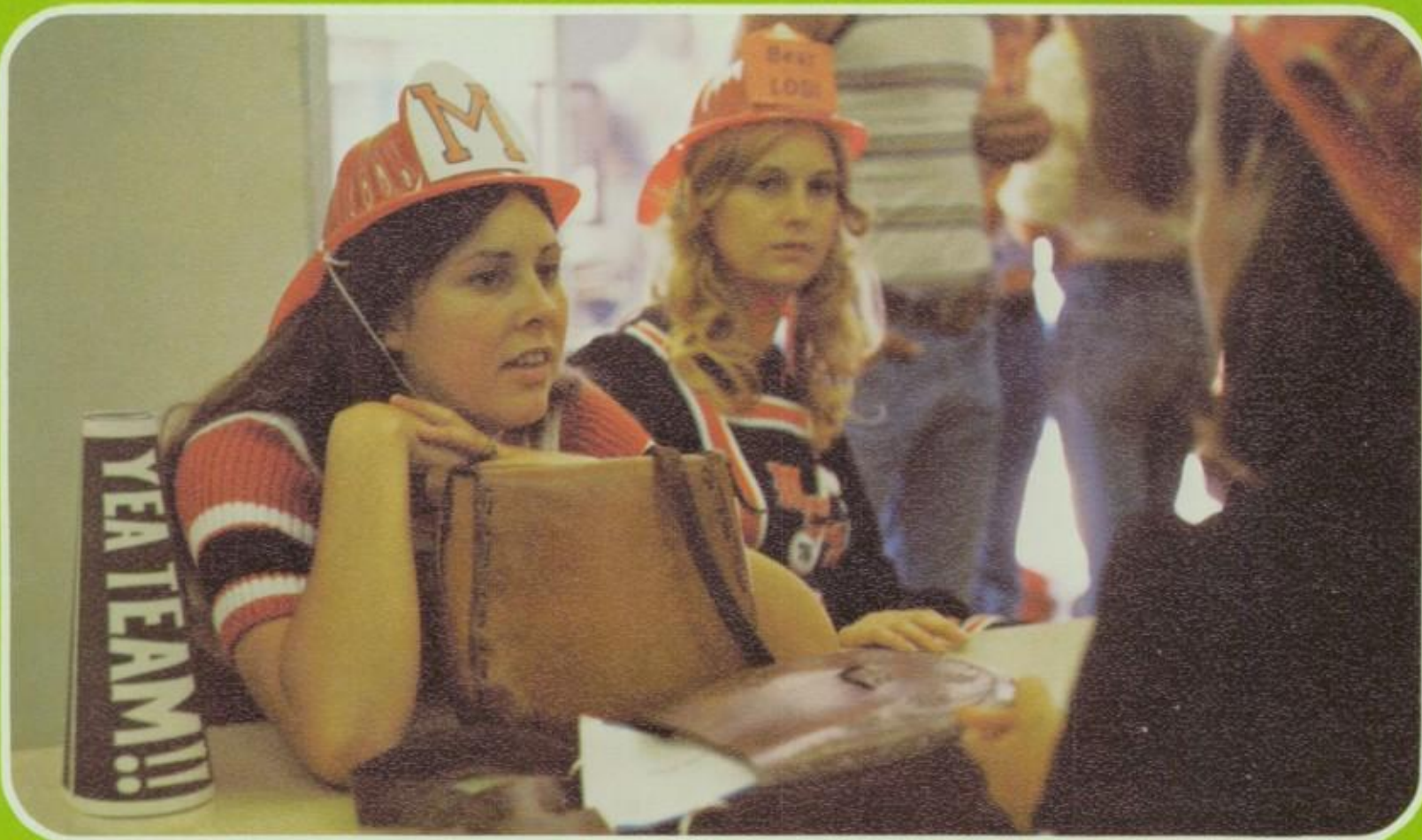
Student Life

*'life, liberty, and
the pursuit of happiness'*

Right: Courtyard conversations are a common way to occupy a noon hour or to break the monotony between classes, as John Underwood, Oscar Galvan, Eddie Cardona, Tom Schell, Paul Rodriguez, Dale Sangster, and David Espinoza demonstrate how easy it is to be tardy. Far Right: Even spirited Rah-Rahs get the blahs during 5th period lunch. Below: Pep Band adds vivacious enthusiasm as Dan Fisher and Roger Allen help with "On Modesto." Lower Center: Fall Rally Commissioners Joni Strohm and Gwen Hailey team up to complete hanging the last Lodi Rally sign. Lower Right: With unusual ability, talented Janet Rocha plays drum solos at almost every appearance, as here she opens the 50's Rally.



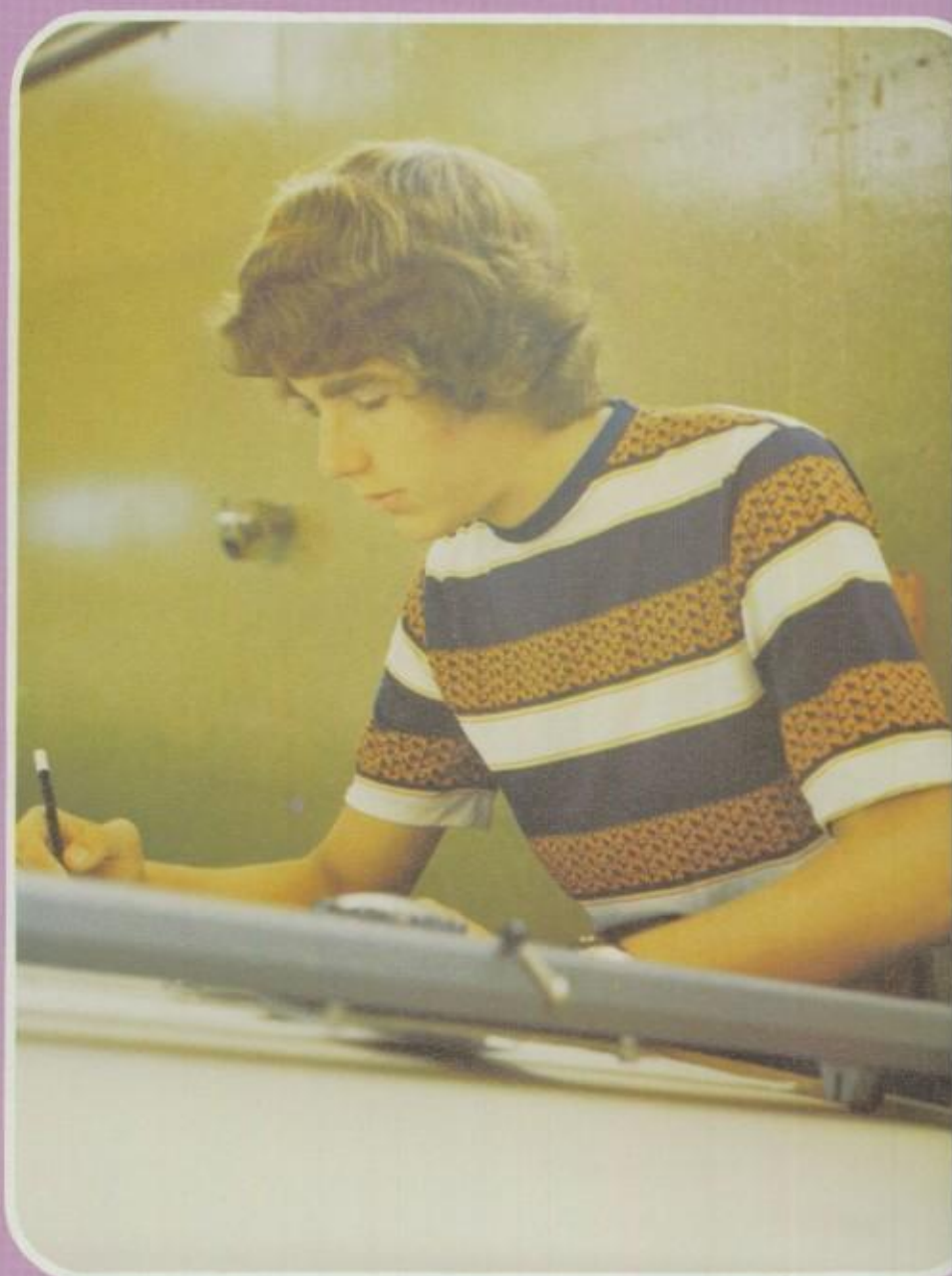
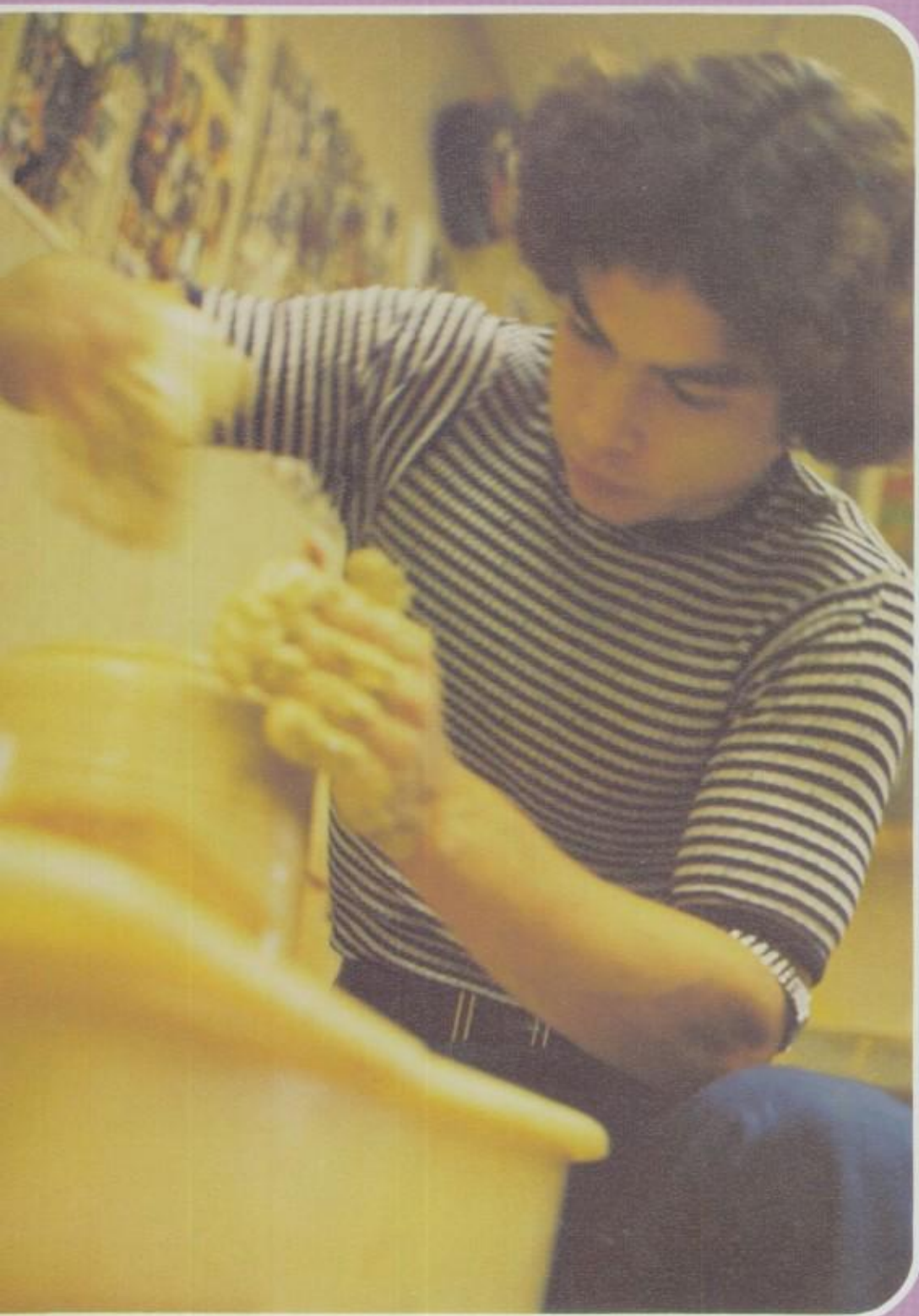
changing atmosphere reflects Modesto High's way of life



Sharing yeasty cafeteria pizza...experiencing the excitement of being involved in football victory or defeat...laughing over yesterday's jokes...exchanging quick hellos in the main hall or lingering for longer acquaintances in the courtyard... struggling through a mid-term test together...completing the job someone else left unfinished...performing for other students...enjoying a carefree way of life...

All these and more intertwine to explain that complex yet simply felt thing called Student Life. Working and sharing together as one, yet developing independence as individuals, MHS students typify the teenagers of 1976: secure in their own identities, they join what they want to join, study the subjects which interest them, wear the kinds of clothes they like, and choose for their leisure time activities those which they find personally fulfilling. Watergate and its aftermath have made them skeptical if not sophisticated about our society, and inflation has forced them to become selective in spending money.

Choices made in high school will determine the direction of later life. The casual yet serious approach to problems which would have defeated teenagers of a generation ago may indicate an earlier and healthier maturity than many adults acknowledge. Whether it be as a cheerleader, an athlete, a musician, a 'brain' or a member of the 'across the street gang,' the way in which we grow determines our individualism and identity, and we each play an active role in the MHS way of life.



Above: Art major Frank de Jesus skillfully produces yet another large, beautifully proportioned ceramic vase. Upper Center: Advanced Drafting provides an opportunity for Steve Howell to draw future house plans. Upper Right: Chemistry student Garth Jolliff finds to his surprise an unusual chemical reaction at the conclusion of his experiment. Right: With the goal of a secretarial career always in mind, Robyn Luttrell concentrates on improving speed and accuracy in a typing class.



acquisition of knowledge is strengthened through electives

Four-fifths of an average student's day at school is spent behind a desk. It is only right that he spends that time in a manner which not only fulfills his academic requirements, but provides self-satisfaction as well.

Modesto High is known for offering a wide range of classes couples with the finest in teachers and teaching techniques. The basic 3 R's are still emphasized, but are taught in a manner which makes students eager to participate and strive to reach higher goals.

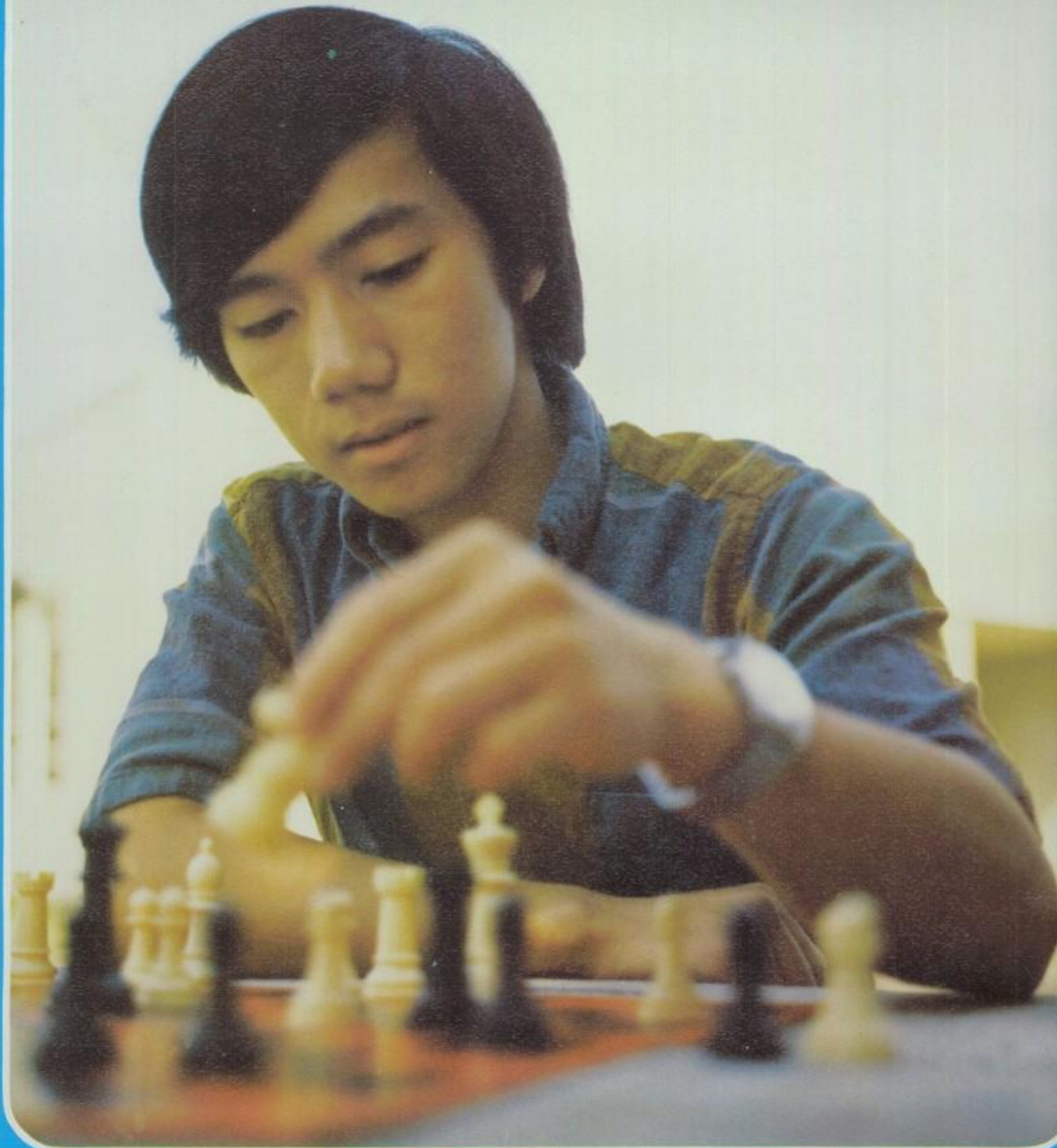
Elective courses, in which students learn valuable techniques, offer chances to see dreams turn into reality. Throwing a lump of

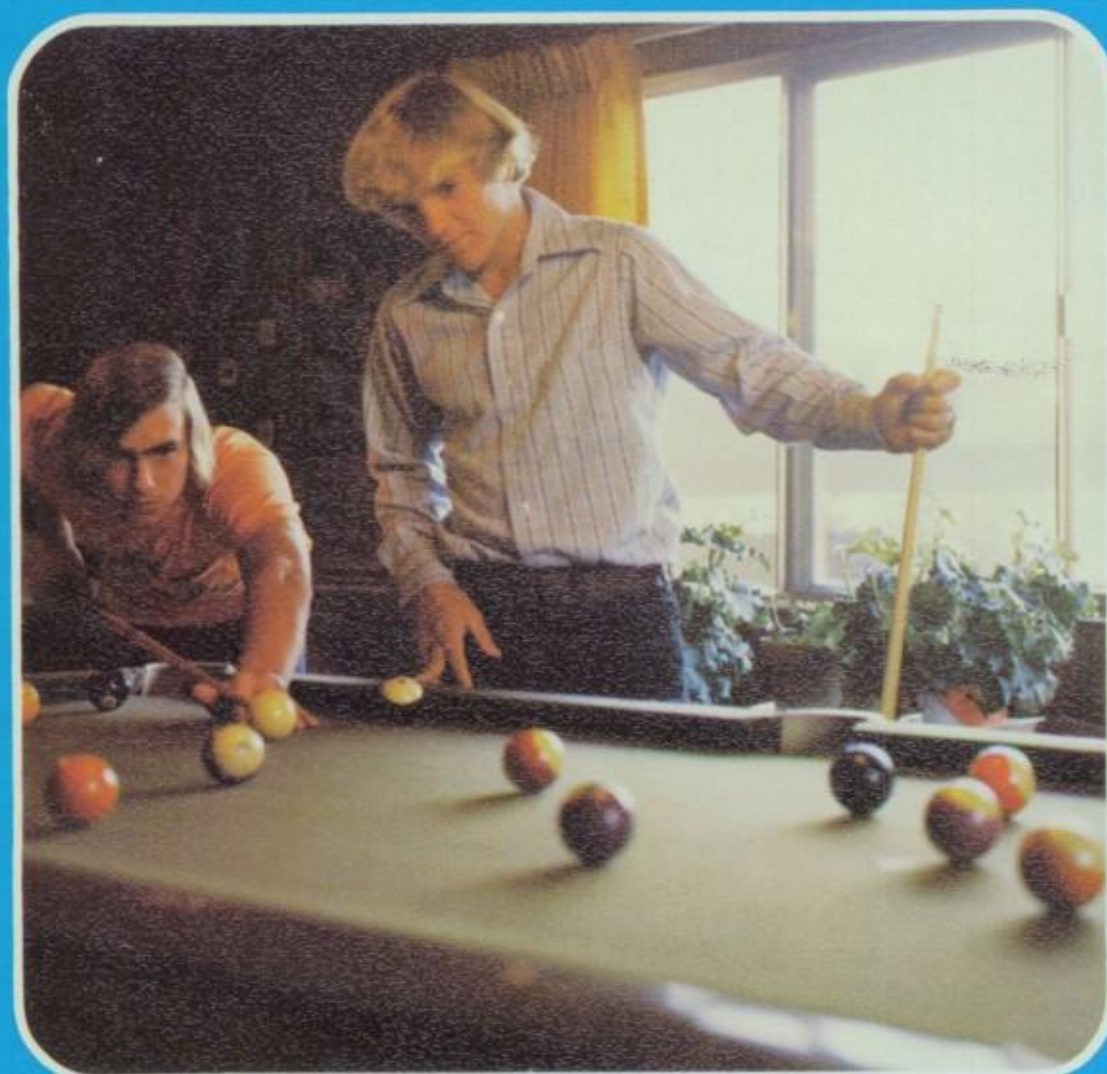
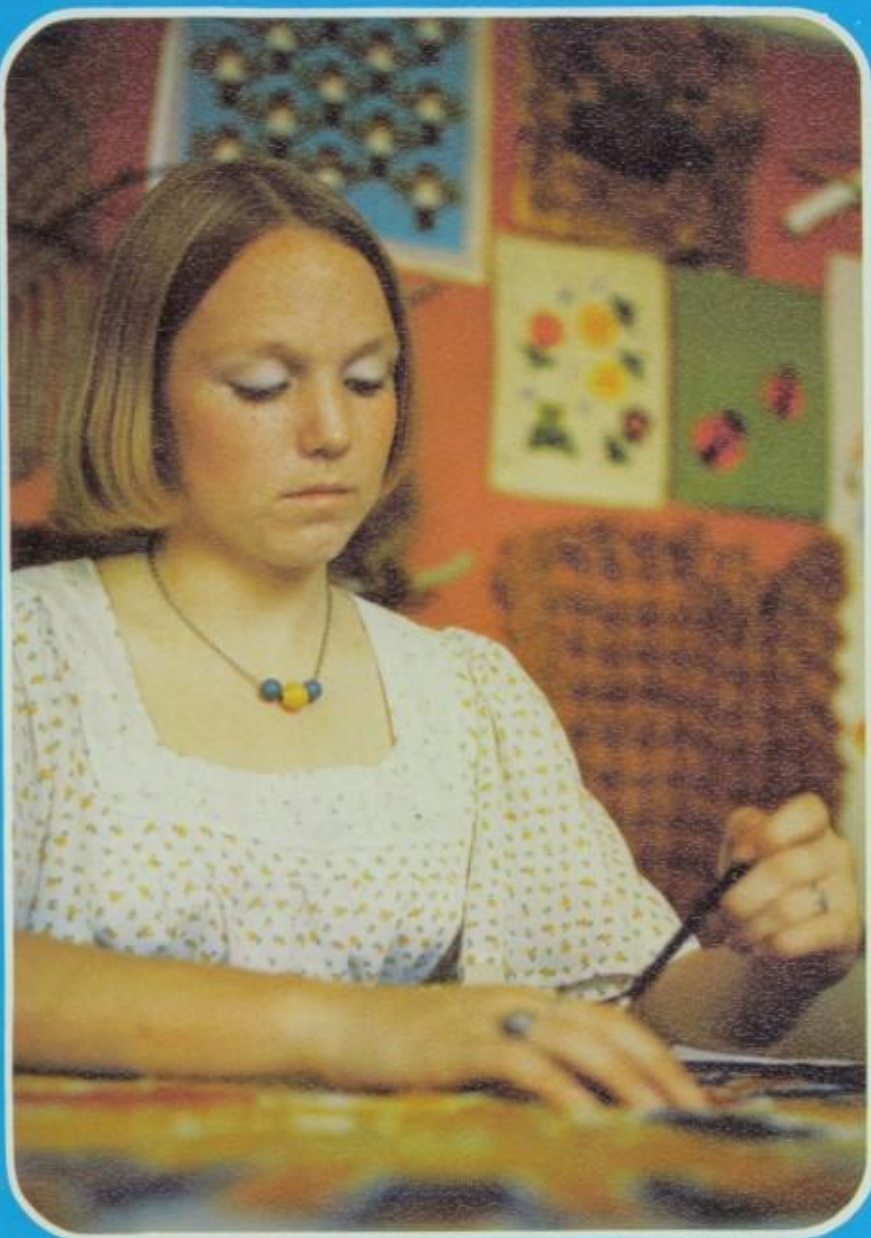
clay on a potter's wheel or designing a mansion on paper gives the artist an outlet in which to channel his thoughts.

Learning a new skill or exploring the wonders of the scientific world, the mind welcomes all new challenges which provide the individual with further knowledge.

High school studies are more than homework, lectures, and exams. The experience of becoming intellectually involved in a particular field of endeavor provides the opportunity for each individual to express his unique personality.

Right: After deep concentration, Danny Lau makes a strategically important move on the way to another victory. Upper Center: Involved in her work, Jeannie Vaughn practices intricate stitches in her needlecraft class. Far Right: Danny Inderbitzen carefully prepares an iron rod for a perfect welding operation. Below: Proud Lance Miler spends Friday afternoon giving Mellow Yellow one final shine before a big night out on McHenry. Lower Right: Ski Angle watches anxiously as Dayle Crook attempts to end the game with a bank shot.





After school, with homework done and the household chores finished, students face a somewhat arduous question: what now? Or suppose it's Sunday afternoon. Friends are out of town, there's nothing but re-runs and Clark Gable movies on television and it's dark and gloomy outside.

As teenagers, we are not about to sit idly by and bore ourselves into stagnation. Which is why, at some point in our lives, we have picked up some form of self-satisfaction, something we especially like to work at or further study, something which helps the time pass by just a little faster. In other words, a hobby.

A hobby may be something acquired over the years from watching others, or something we've been taught at school which fascinates us. For many high school guys, automobiles become a constant hobby with many hours and hundreds of dollars invested in them.

But whether a hobby stretches the mind, the muscles, or more importantly, the imagination, it is unlike anybody else's, because it is a personal choice, and is made unique by each individual's self-expression.

varied hobbies provide self-expression

and when it's time to relax...



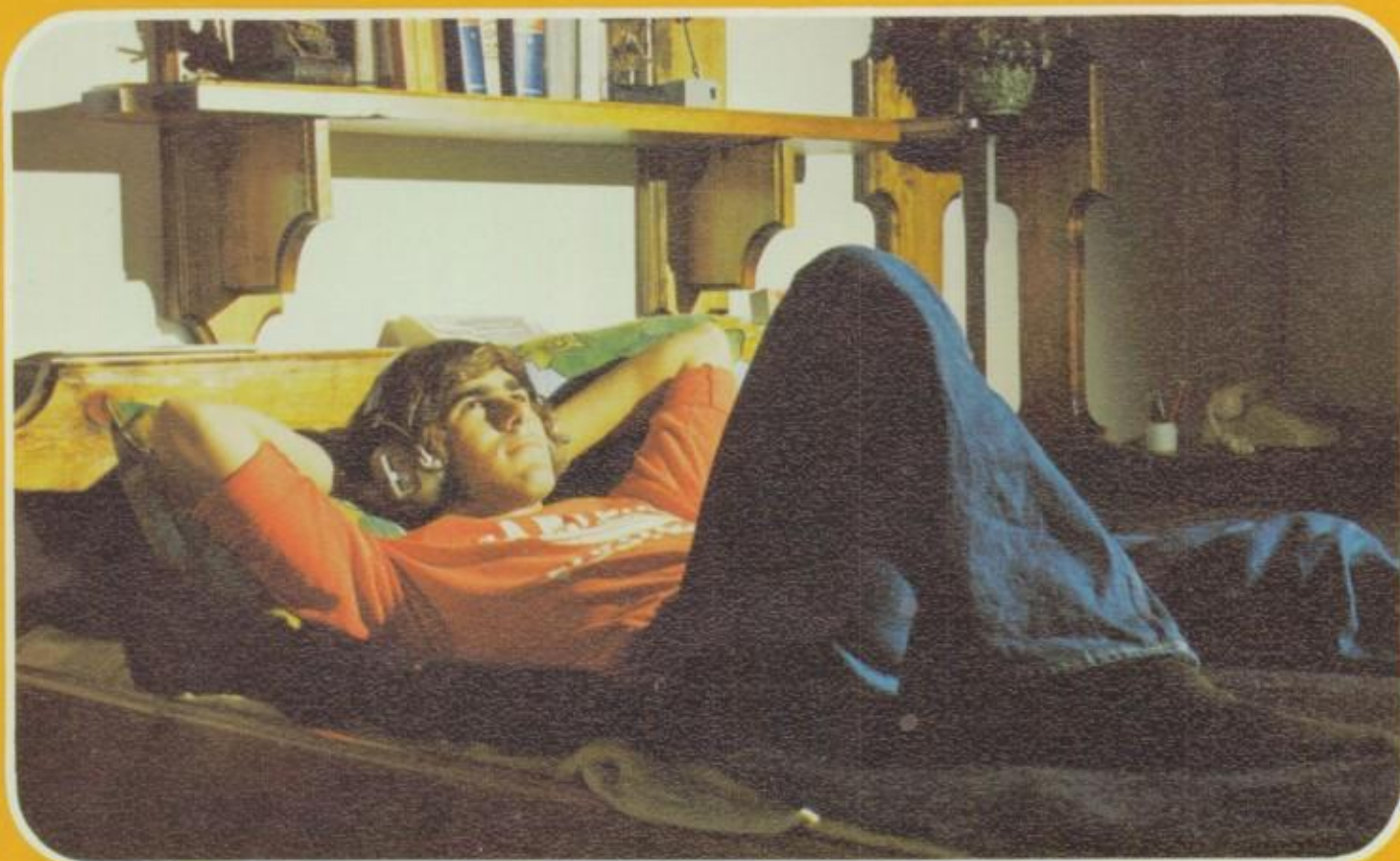
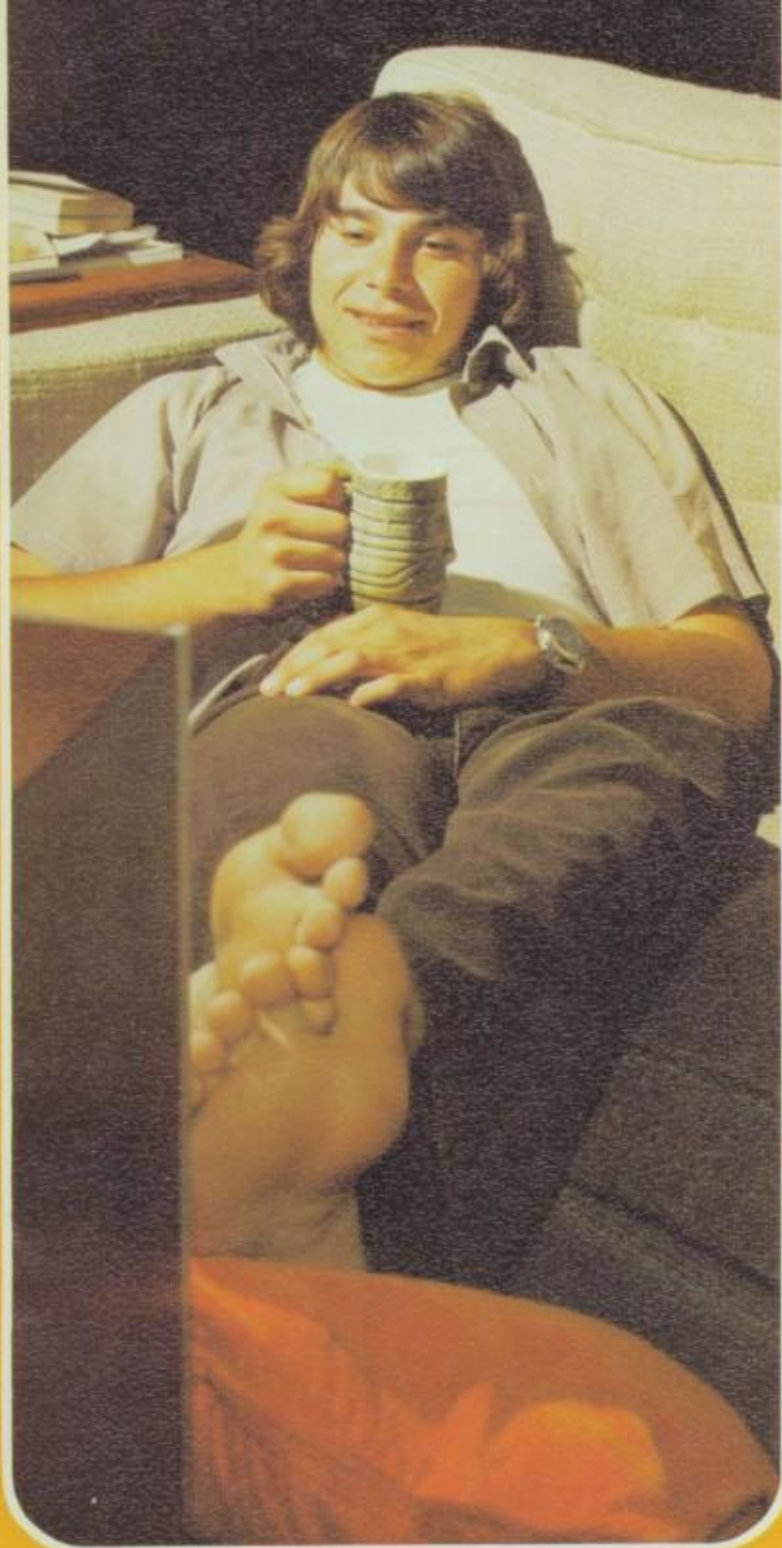
Easing back into a frame of mind where activities and tensions of the day grow distant, tired minds begin to wander and fantasies of freedom fill the brain.

After the final bell has rung, eager students escape to their own forms of relaxation. On a hot summer afternoon, a cool plunge in a backyard pool refreshes the body and adds vigor and vitality to the soul. For those who prefer a little entertainment while relaxing, a wide variety of social pleasures are available. An overstuffed bean-bag chair and a best-selling magazine or an accomodating sofa and a captivating hit television series often satisfy the weary body.

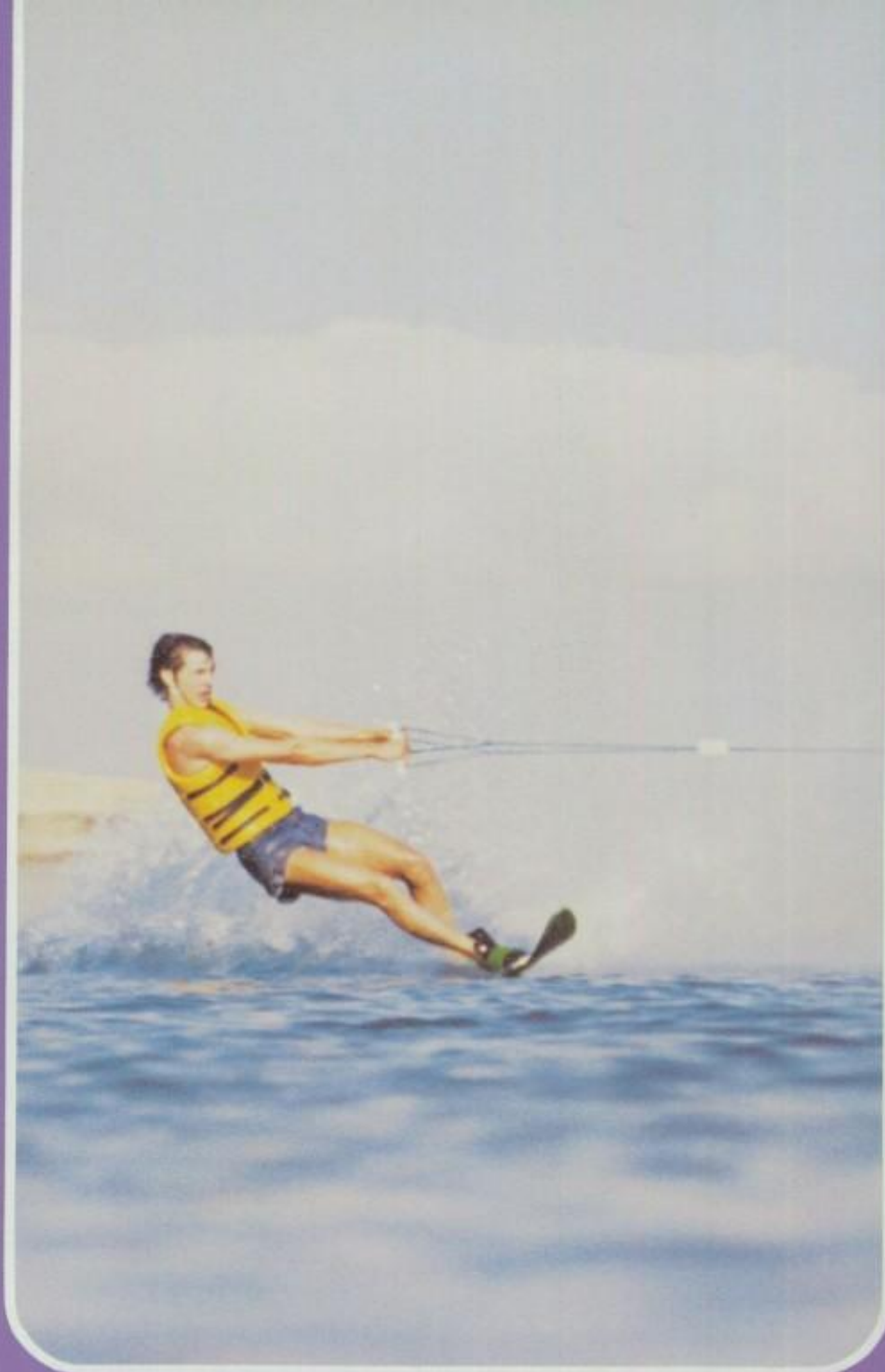
The peaceful serenity of a four poster waterbed and the pandemonious intensity of rock and roll music combine to make possible the most preferred form of relaxation for teenagers.

The body is able to withstand great amounts of stress and strain. Teenagers are especially guilty of energetic overexertion. Maybe that's why relaxation, whether totally indulged in as a state of hypnosis, or quietly taking a break between classes, is the most anticipated aspect of Student Life.

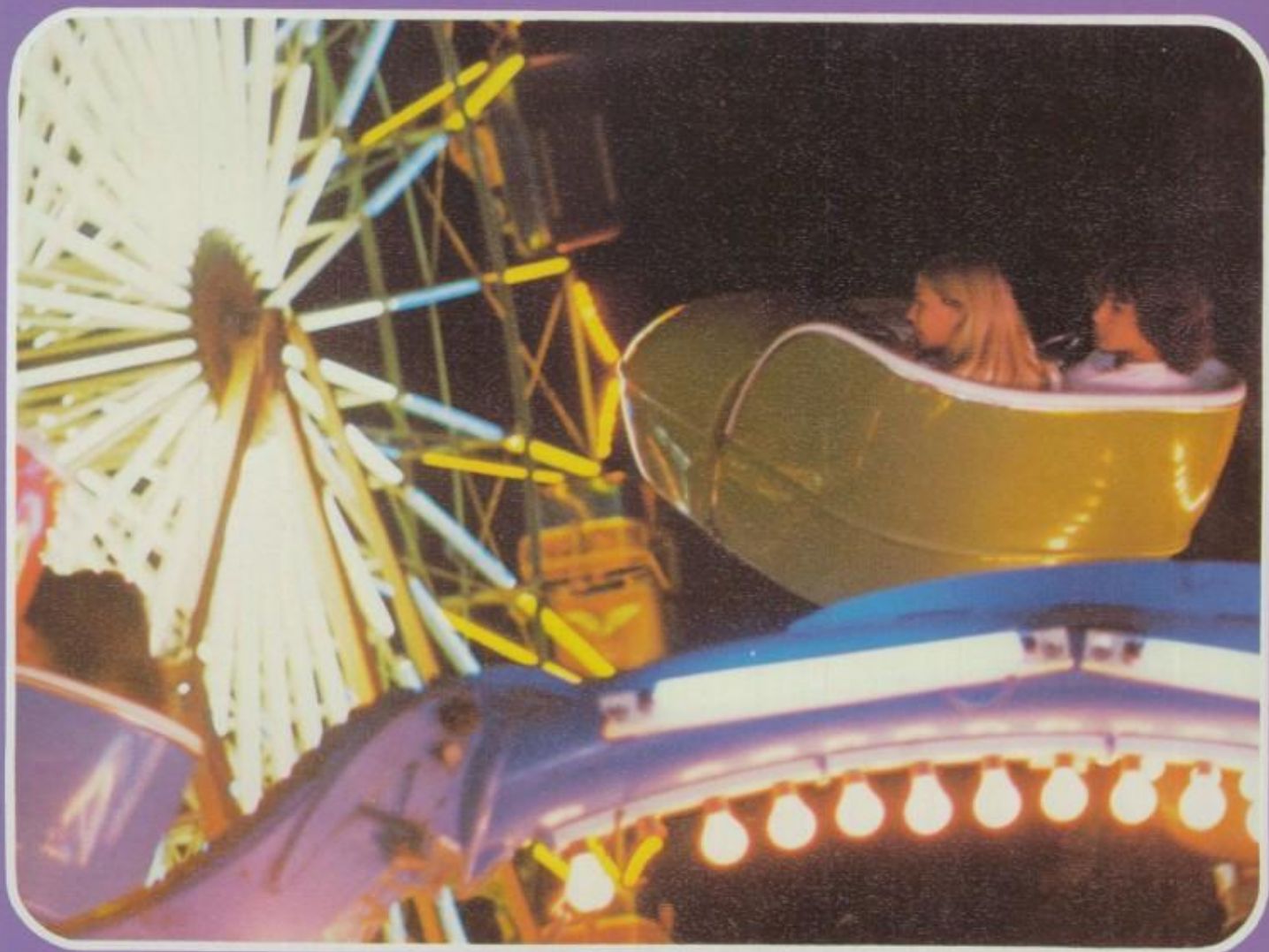




Far Left: As a long hot summer day edges into afternoon, Donald Storer stretches out in the serenity of a luxurious backyard swimming pool. Left: Prepared for an evening of unconcerned relaxation, Brad Henson settles back to watch "Santford and Son." Below: Taking a lunch period break from busy school schedules, Jayleen Tuggle, Connie Jiminez, and Susie Campbell compare notes on sophomore boys. Lower Left: Kicking back in his favorite bean bag chair for a cozy evening, Dave Wallace checks out the details on Miss February. Lower Right: Combining melodies of Elton John with rythms of a water bed, Dave Colby lets everyday stress float away.



Above: Trotting through a nearby almond orchard, neighbors Sandy Hart and Jennifer Thompson enjoy a cool afternoon with their horses. Upper Center: The result of years of experience are evident as Dave Wallace "shows off" on a single ski. Upper Right: Daring Steve Vierra pits his skill against the hazards of the next obstacle on the Tuolumne River dirt track. Right: Spending their evenings at the Stanislaus County Fair, Susan Van Duyn and Jimmy Mikkelsen enjoy one final ride before the midnight closing.



recreation alters the beaten path



Tedious hours of study, endless beige-colored classrooms, and struggles of preparation for one more day impel school-weary students to eagerly seek a change of pace. A few laps around a remote dirt track, a day of water fun at Modesto's favorite hang-out, Turlock Lake, or a relaxing horseback ride through the countryside are a few ways with which students break the monotony of the routine high school day.

Summer months provide the opportunity for an even greater variety in students' recreational activities. Mountain sports, including hiking, fishing, camping, and backpacking, often require an excursion of a week or more. Whether filled with months of travel to distant places or briefly-captured respites

from the drudgery of a summer job, 'vacation time' means getting together with friends for fun and frolic without the burdens of school. For many teenagers, the highlight of the summer recreational program remains the Stanislaus County Fair, with its eight nights of bright lights, whirling rides, and carnival atmosphere.

Whether it is merely the desire for a change of pace or the need to 'get away from it all,' we all find forms of recreation which relieve the boredom of our daily routines. Winter, spring, summer, or fall, memories of the excitement and enjoyment of sharing things we like to do with our friends sustain us when the pressures of school life build up.

student activities are unlimited



Above: Students Anibal Beasley, Leslie Lee, Steve Miller, Liz Uribe, Steve Hull, Danny Inderbitzen, Sanford Whitehouse, and John Miller, who have been studying the renaissance period, pose in costume before departing for an exciting adventure at the Renaissance Faire. Upper Center: Joe Tomao scoops in his winnings while Parry Salsi, Steve Hull, and Joey Hernandez watch in dismay. Upper Right: Rosemary Presto and Margaret Haw recall their fright while Andrea Menghetti and Leslie Lee change their plans for an outing at the beach as they leave the theater after seeing the hit thriller "Jaws." Right: Munching down on a Shakey's special, Tom Riggs, Peggy Green, Denise Farris, Andy Kline, and Jahna Bailey relax after an exciting football game. Far Right: Julie Bentley tells of her admiration for Anthony Copobianco's Z/28, while Liz Santos and Scott Clark review an evening once past and the usual McHenry BS goes on between John Lorenzo, Louie Merenda, Steve Imelio, Jan Brink, Bobby George, and Tony Brasil.



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KEEP **Shakey's** GREEN
Bring Money

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Shakey doesn't cash checks
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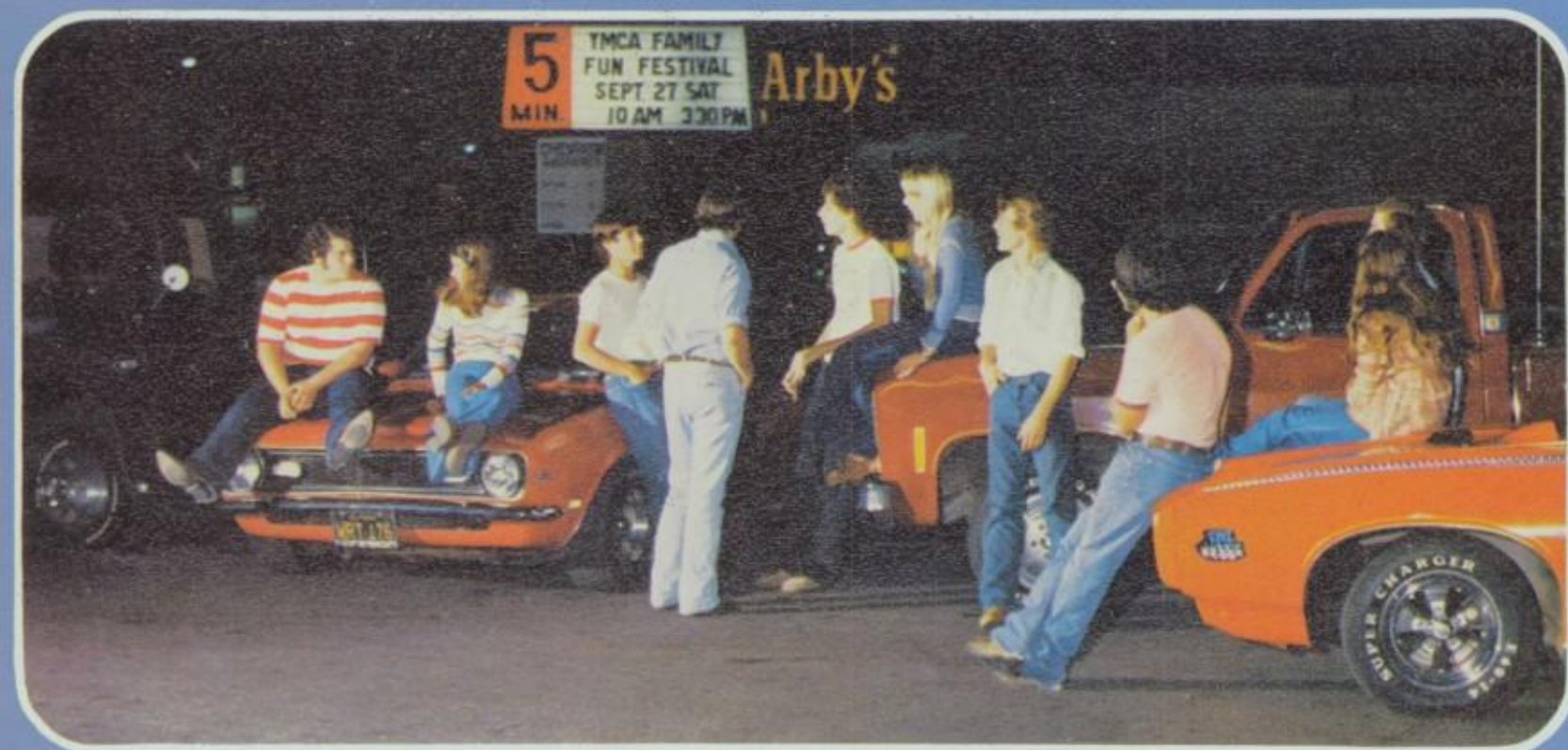
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Growing into our high school surroundings, we no longer must experience the good things life has to offer alone. Our society and environment provide many options for spending our time; getting together for a friendly game of poker or spending a night on the town to view the latest movie are frequent choices. Friday night football games provide the prelude to a get-together at the local pizza parlor. Chipping in for a large Canadian bacon and a pitcher of root beer is a perfect way to enjoy the evening amid the spirited surroundings provided by the after-game excitement.

Often our high school activities take us away from home. Very popular among senior English students is the annual field trip to the Renaissance Faire in the enchanting hills of the Black Forrest near Novato. Students dress in the clothes of the Renaissance period and have a chance to experience and contribute to the total environment of the Renaissance atmosphere. But even more popular and more frequently enjoyed is the common 'coolness' of cruising McHenry Avenue beneath the starlit sky.

Whatever the leisure activities we participate in, we enjoy them with a carefree high school spirit which engulfs our lives for a glorious four years and provides that unique quality we call the MHS way of life.





in memoriam

*Though the flame was brief,
its flash was brilliant.*

Michael Kenneth Davis

May 30, 1958

June 19, 1975

Derick Alyn Crook

June 1, 1959

July 20, 1975

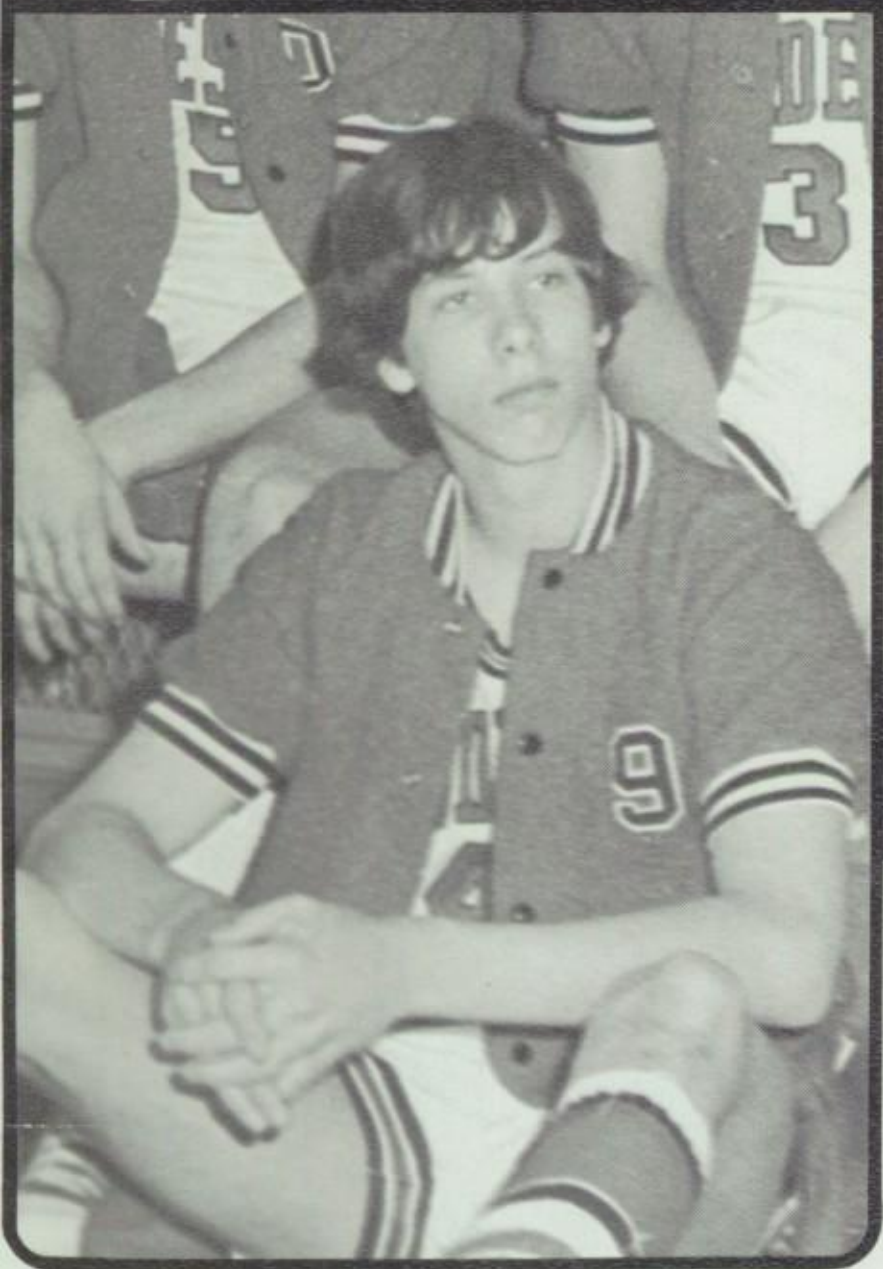
David Brian Storer

December 1, 1958

July 22, 1975



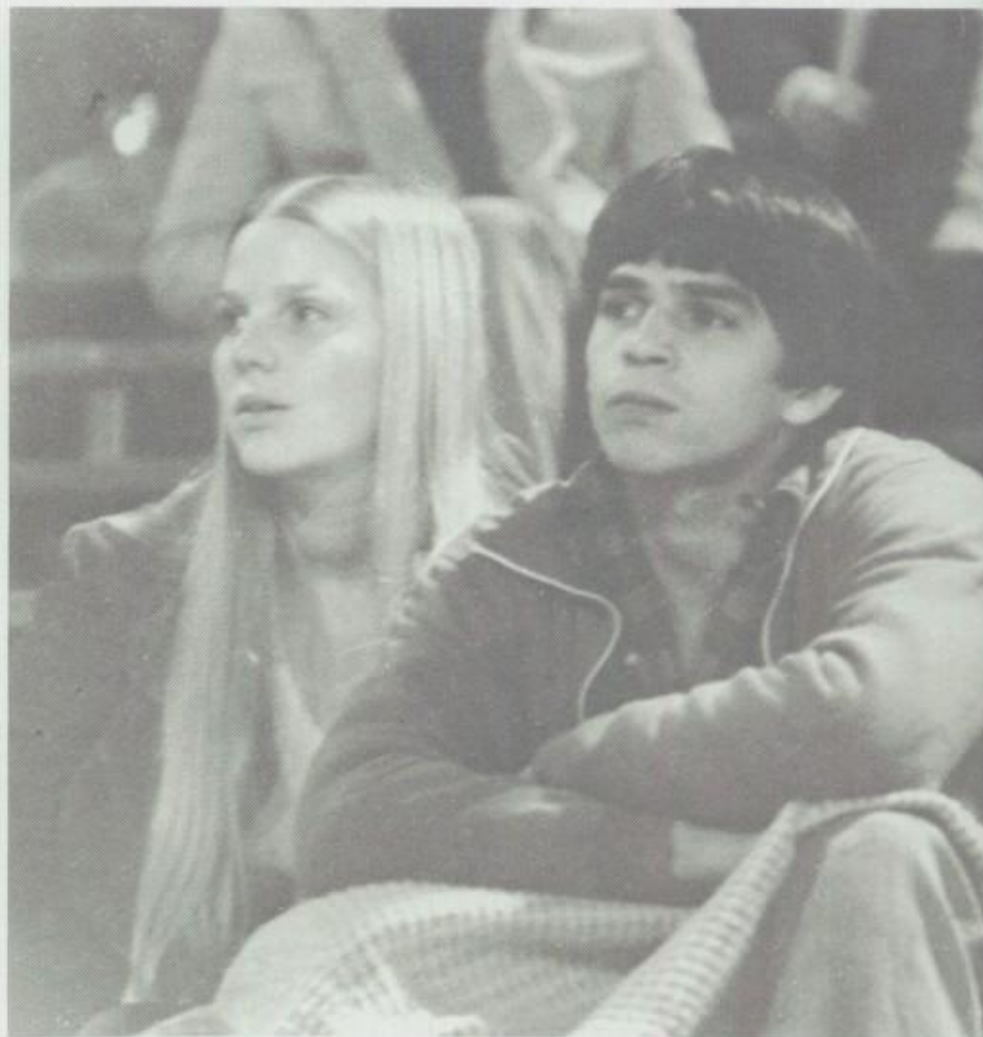
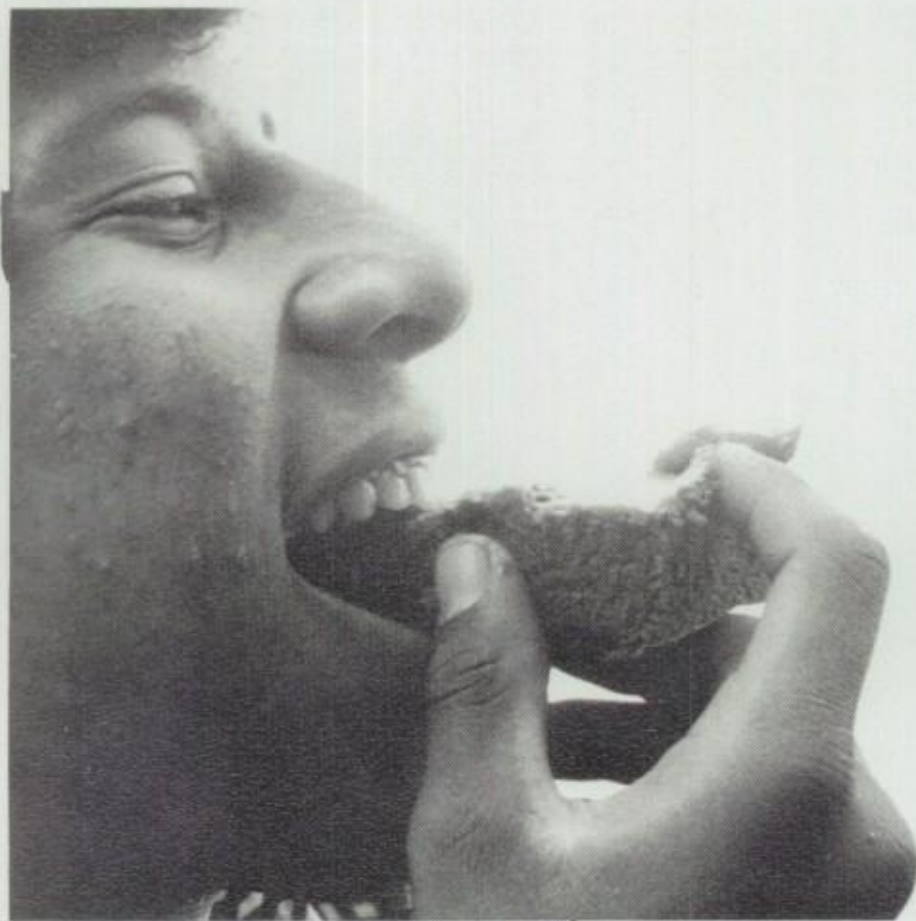
Left: As 1975 president of VICA, Kenny Davis posed with other club members for the yearbook picture. Popular and well-liked by vocational students and instructors, Kenny could usually be found with grease on his hands, voluntarily overhauling someone's engine. **Below:** Excelling in both photography and layout design, Derick Crook spent many afternoons and evenings helping to make the 1975 Sycamore 'the best yet.' Named outstanding sophomore member of the yearbook staff, Derick also found time to participate in football, basketball, and baseball, and to umpire for little league baseball. **Lower Left:** With sports the major interest in his life, David Storer earned the acclaim of his teammates and friends by intercepting a pass to save the final football game and the sophomore team's undefeated record. Here David posed with the sophomore basketball team for the yearbook picture, and he also played on the baseball team. Both David and Derick were given honorary Block M membership and jackets as a final token of esteem.



expressions reveal moods and thoughts

Marveling, almost stunned at the thought of growing into adulthood in such a complex society, many students have the desire to return—however briefly—to the simplicities and protection of childhood. Fear, anxiety, uncertainty mark our everyday existence. Yet we also experience joy, happiness, and fulfillment.

Moods are as varied as the individual, for they are the very root of human experience. They can cause the imagination to soar with desire for a better way of life. Growing up means being able to cope with moods and deal with decisions. Whether depressed or exhilarated, loving or hating, quiet or exuberant, happy or blue, proud, exalted, defeated, enthused, frustrated, determined, or any of scores of other moods, we are living and learning about life for only through experiencing feelings such as these can we come together with bonds of friendship and spirited allegiance in that proud tradition we all know as the MHS way of life.





Far Left: Silviano Suarez joyfully sinks his teeth into a bite of Mrs. Merenda's victory cake prepared as a tribute to the '75 football season. Upper Left: Kelly Caudill and Denny Guevara reflect moments of intense concentration during the Atwater football game. Upper Center: Steve Imelio as Percy leads the spirit-raising Pep-O-Meter, while Sue Vincent as Priscilla follows up with a big "Beat the Lions!" Above: Assuming the role of a child, Jami Woodbridge plays Edith Ann at the fall Sycamore Assembly. Lower Left: Reflecting the worry on everyone's minds as Panther victory eluded the varsity team, Drum Major Brenda Wheat hopes for a better outcome. Left: Dickie Engelhardt reflects continuing courage and determination as he raises his finger in salute to the school hymn.

changes in culture show freedom of



Enjoying a football game, admiring an idolized individual, kicking back to your favorite sounds, or tuning to the six o'clock news: all are ways of life. Whether athletics, education, entertainment, family, or friends, each finds an area in which to excel—and a favorite interest to pursue.

The enduring American hero from our early years of nationhood was, of course, George Washington. A century ago, it was Abraham Lincoln, who represented honesty, common sense, and strength—qualities America sorely needed, and still does. Today, many MHS students look to the hard-working secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, as representing the qualities of leadership they admire: intelligence, sophistication, and a willingness to face the reality of each situation. At the local level, our own bicentennial leader, American History teacher Jack Sample, has the “76” spirit vibrating everywhere, including the masthead of the daily bulletin.

Today's pastimes are very different from those of our ancestors. Friday nights are spent cruising in high style vans, pickups, or sports cars. In a different era it may have been horse racing, or a Sunday afternoon “drive in the country.” But from colonial days to the present time, from horses to Henry Ford, every teenage boy has longed for the day when he could have his own personal means of transportation.

Clothes, too, have changed greatly, yet they still perform the highly social function of reflecting the personality of the wearer as well as the period of history during which they were popular. Fashions today seem “natural” and “practical”—but they may seem as quaint and awkward a century from now as those of the centuries gone seem today. In any case, today's styles help to identify and individualize American teenagers, and fit their way of life.



society



Far Left: Joe Tomao, Steve Vieira, and Julie Bentley demonstrate their heavy Chevies as Ralph Bava flashes his red Camaro. Denise Tuggle, Sandy Hart, and Joe Poulos absorb both the natural and mechanical environments. Left: Ready, willing, and able, Mr. Sample patriotically leads the Class of '76 in the Bicentennial Year. Lower Left: Admired for his ambition and pragmatism, students chose Henry Kissinger as their most admired political leader. Below: Nancy Vlach, Terry Gonzales, and Gabriel Oliviera smile upon the present and future as Doug Ball, Teresa Rosa and Joyce Robinson reflect the seriousness of long ago in trends of fashion.





Above: A sport rapidly increasing in popularity at the high school level is the original form of football, soccer. Pete Lambros, Raul Soto, Danny Lau, Mike Galvan, and Steve Gil practice for the Modesto High team. **Upper Right:** Unlike preceding generations, students Tom Riggs, Tony Copobianco, Louie Merenda and Scott Clark amuse themselves in the mechanical flashes of lights and sounds at a lunchtime pinball game. **Far Right:** The unique style of John Denver's country music has made him a favorite among teenagers. **Right:** A true Spirit of 76 is demonstrated on Crazy Day by Annette Fierro.



heroes, favorites reflect current interests

Recreation, entertainment, pastimes, self-expression: these say more about our way of life than even education or occupation, for teenagers today have more time and opportunities for these pursuits than ever before.

After a day of school, or for an evening get-together, teenagers look forward to coming home and unwinding to the tunes of Annie's Song and others. Entertainers such as Elton John, Doobie Brothers, and John Denver can be called today's heroes, along

with film stars such as Robert Redford, Barbara Streisand, Clint Eastwood, and Liza Minnelli. Such activities are far different from looking forward to reading the next issue of the weekly newspaper of colonial days, and arguing the relative merits of Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, or *The Federalist Papers*.

The game of football incites most young Americans into passionate argument, for it is uniquely American, having been invented here in 1820. Most



of the world plays soccer, and reaches heights of partisan frenzy unequalled in any US stadium. Recent years have brought a gradual interest in soccer among American teenagers, so that it is now included in many athletic programs.

Instead of a quick game of jacks, today's lunch-time student heads for the student center and feeds quarters into that mechanical marvel, the pinball machine, in hopes of outwitting gravity, springs, levers, and electricity—and accumulating the highest score.

Although many teenagers shun political rallies, 4th of July Parades, and even the Pledge of Allegiance, their individual forms of self-expression often show a keen sense of patriotism still prevails. Love of country still runs deep, and no matter what the subject or form of expression it takes, most teenagers are grateful for this American way of life.

It's known to be as old as 5,000 years. For many centuries it was used as an anesthetic and as a cure for such ailments as malasia and rheumatism. President George Washington grew it to make rope. The United States government made financial allowances to maintain the supplies of it during World War II when the army's main source was cut off by Japan, and in certain parts of the midwest, this crop was grown commercially as a substitute for hemp. This, of course, refers to cannabis, a plant raised chiefly for the fibers in the stem which are woven into rope. The leaves, however, have been the reason for its long existence and increasing popularity.

Mary Warner, pot, grass, weed and many other slang terms have been given to the chaff of the cannabis plant and can be found labeled as anything from "home-grown" to "Colombian red." Until recently, possession of marijuana was penalized as a felony, but the passage of new legislation has reduced the charge for possession of less than 1 oz. to a misdemeanor. Marijuana now occupies 93% of all municipal cases, but stands in a time of social change and growing acceptance.

Harmful? Researchers state that for occasional or moderate use there is no apparent danger. Yet for heavy smokers, it may have serious, detrimental effects on immunity to disease in brain and body cells, on lung tissue, and on sexual potency. Although doctors still dispute the facts amongst each other, there can be no disputing the effects of a police search and seizure, however. Many teenagers have endured the humiliation of a 'shake-down' or 'bust' and often a jail term as well. Such a "record" is hard to erase as many former students now seeking jobs have discovered.



Upper Left: Faculty member Pat Durr enjoys a lunchtime cigarette along with other teachers in one of the faculty's four "designated" smoking areas. A student apprehended in his place would be suspended. **Upper Right:** MHS students Richard Jones and Tom Colburn catch a few quick drags off a cigarette with one of their "Pi High" friends while "across the street" between classes. **Right:** Take a toke, hold the smoke, and pass it to a friend. "Graduating" from ordinary tobacco, the indulgence in smoking marijuana has taught many a new skill. **Above:** Police-student hassles are frequent and often result in teenage "busts." Animosity toward authority is widespread.

new legislation may permit smoking areas on campus

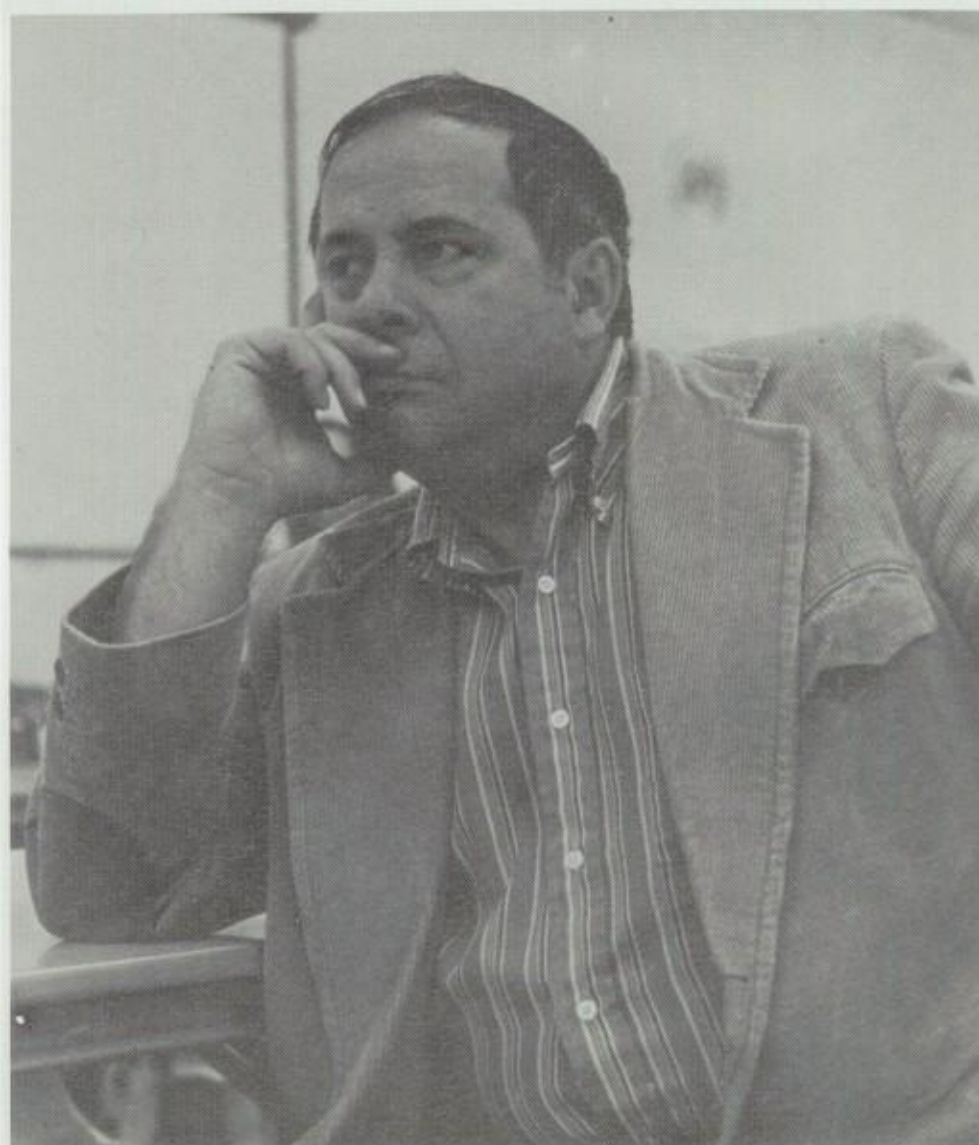
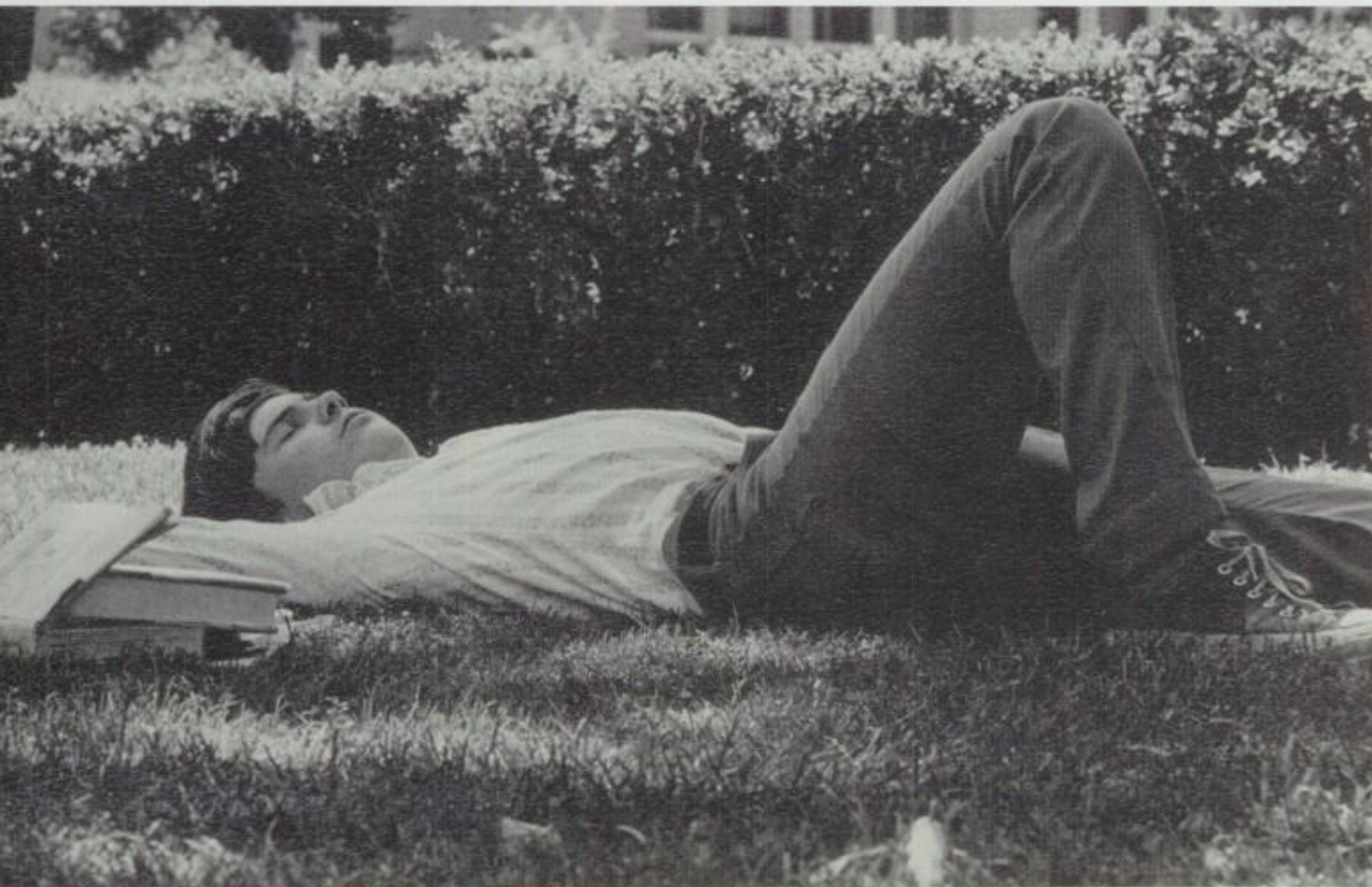


Many "pot" smokers question why alcohol is legal and marijuana is not. But if history takes the same course as it did with the Prohibition Period, legalization or decriminalization of pot may some day become a reality. Already state legislation has substantially reduced the penalty for possession of small quantities of marijuana.

Although many Modesto High School students have smoked pot, a greater number smoke cigarettes. Yet even many marijuana users despise the smell of tobacco, especially in the campus lavatories. Since student possession of tobacco is illegal on campus and its use is frowned upon by the citizens nearby the school whose front lawns are littered with cigarette butts and empty cigarette packs, recent state legislation to provide designated smoking areas on campus at the approval of each district seems an easy solution. The Modesto Board of Education has appointed a district-wide committee to study the question and make recommendations. Student surveys reveal more opposed than favoring, but also large numbers of "yes" and "I don't care." A decision for or against these areas is still in the future, but a controversy is already under way over how effective they would be in solving the school smoking problem, with many students arguing that such areas would not be used, while others object that the school should not give its approval to an activity known to be a health hazard. As with all controversial issues, it will undoubtedly take time to reach a satisfactory compromise between the pros and the cons.

Whether one is smoking or toking, Marlboro, Winston, Camel, or grass, weed, and pot, a time of legislative change and social acceptance has come upon us, and soon it may be not only the teachers who are permitted to smoke cigarettes on campus.

Right. Some people don't let school interrupt anything, as Danny Davis and Wanda Shank find time for a goodbye kiss several times a day. **Below.** The spring sunshine and cool grass provide a perfect setting for Dan Fisher to take a time-out from school work. **Lower Left.** Even teachers are affected by spring fever. Mr. Whitaker is caught day-dreaming about the last days of school. **Center.** By the second semester, most seniors have enough credits to graduate. However, some like to stay around and take electives such as "drinking" and "passing out." **Far Right.** Many students and teachers found self-satisfaction through participation in the Community Workshop. Here H.L. Clark, Bill Kirby, John Gonzales, Mike Schonhoff, and Mrs. Andrea McGhee listen to one of Dr. Fielder's speeches. **Lower Right.** On the verge of falling asleep, Lance Miler impatiently waits through the last days of school.





spring fever brings change in student attitudes

As bright sunshine replaces foggy days and brings warmth and summer expectations, a prominent if apathetic reality emerges in student life. Spring fever attacks some people harder than others (and worse, it strikes some much earlier than the seasons permit), affecting teachers and staff as well as students.

Smothering the fall football spirit or drowning the unfamiliarity of crowded halls, demanding schedules, and perplexing atmosphere with a warm and comforting bottle became a habitual recourse for some students, accompanied by ditching classes and

falling grades. A symbol of the impatience to be elsewhere is often seen: propping one's head in one's hand while waiting for something-or-other to be over with.

Students affected with a genuine case of spring fever may conclude that a nap in any convenient location is immediately required, while others may feel the urge to "make out" irresistible, but most of all spring fever signifies the decline of ambition among students not only at MHS but in high schools throughout the country, for spring brings with it the urge to get on with developing a personal way of life.



200 years after teen way of life

The way of life confronted by our American forefathers continually consisted of struggle and hardships. Feeding and clothing their colonial families, organizing an American government in an unknown land, and surviving their day to day tasks, were among some of the many burdens faced by the American ancestors.

Life expectancies of their era ranged from thirty five to forty years. Unlike today's practice, acceptance into universities was open to pupils thirteen years of age. The great majority of their peers, however, began apprenticeships during that period of their lives. They matured and skillfully mastered their trades by the age of eighteen, entering the job market as experienced tradesmen.

Use of child labor was a necessity in the young country, with tremendous work loads to be accomplished. There was little time for education during the life spans of the early American generations. As the industrial revolution came into existence and progressed, there was less need for independent tradesmen and merchants. Yet thousands of children were employed in factories and mines to serve as workers and cheap labor.

Only gradually did the citizens of this country enact laws prohibiting most forms of child labor, and come to realize that knowledge is the most important skill an individual can bring to a new employment opportunity.

Today's educational system offers opportunities unparalleled in the history of America. As one of the major sources for gathering knowledge, high school frequently becomes the final opportunity for learning how to cope with life. Coming from a sheltered environment to a high school situation is a tremendous change, yet it must provide a beginning towards the responsibilities encountered in an adult life. Competing, participating, and organizing are all aspects of high school life that teach us responsibility.

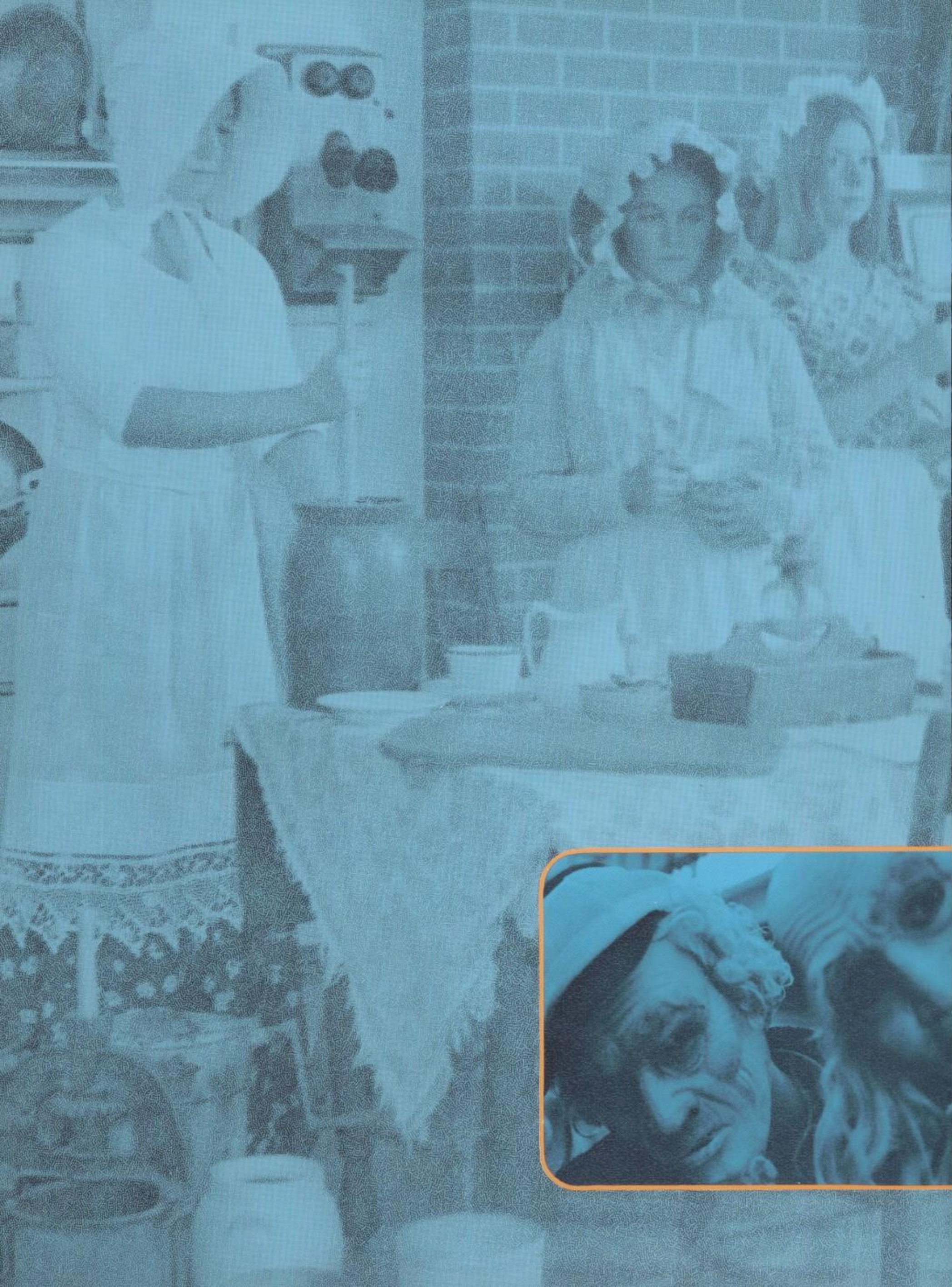
As students progress through their years of mandatory education, they face questions and make decisions that will ultimately change the direction of their lives. The struggles and hardships encountered by young adults of today are just as formidable as any of two hundred years ago; however, high school assists them in coping with a 20th Century way of life.





Top Left, A group of spirited juniors join in on the fun during "Oakie" Day, one of the special spirit days during the football season. **Left,** A look down the main hall shows the many signs hung by the rally girls including the famous 'Spirit of '76.' **Lower Left,** Standing proud in the autumn sun, the famous Sycamore tree reflects the strength and dignity of MHS. **Center,** The school cafeteria still is the most popular spot on the campus, providing both a place to eat and a place for everyone to gather and talk. **Below,** On almost any given day, the newly completed courtyard is a central attraction to couples, wrapped in each others' arms until the passing bell signals the end of lunch hour.

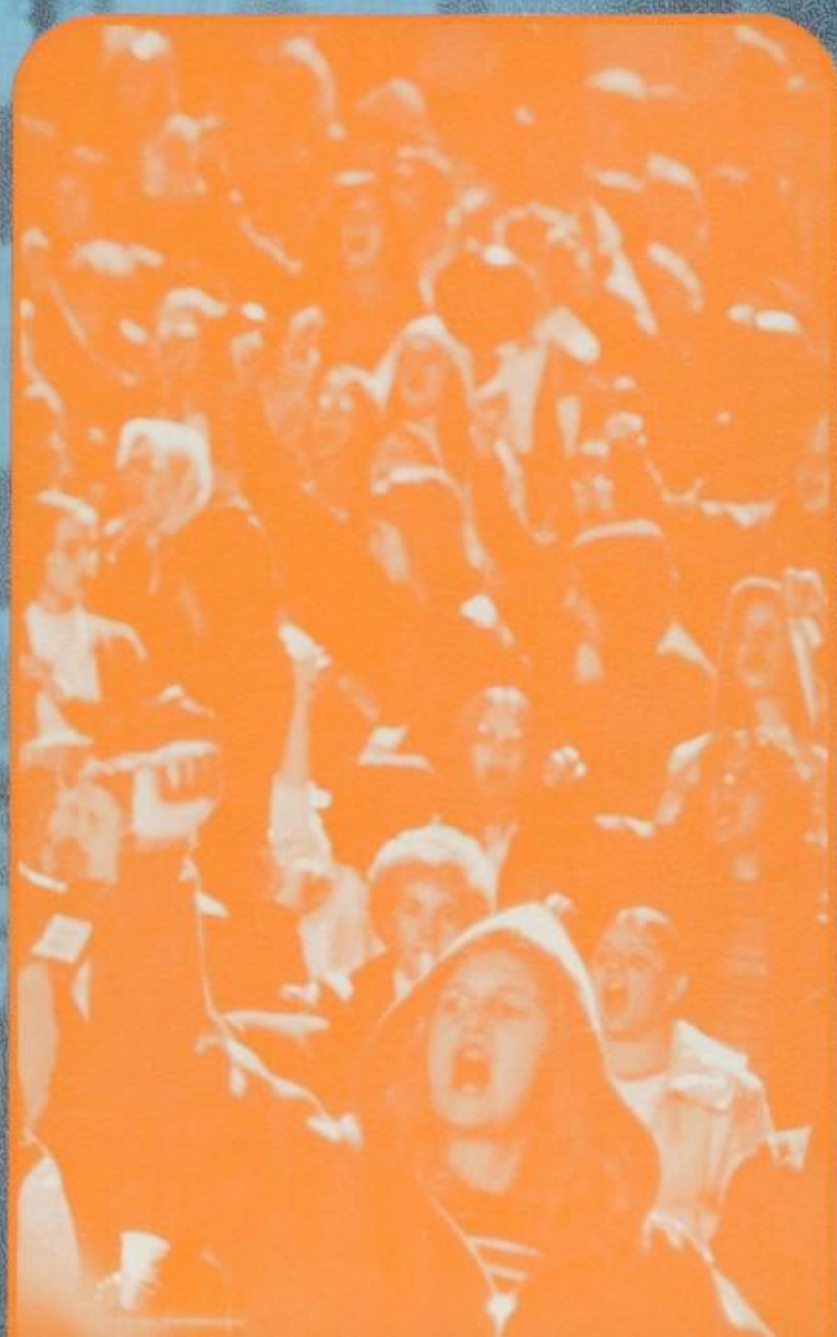




'and of right ought to be, free and

Spirit

independent'



action-filled fall sparks pride, loyalty

Excited crowds, devoted cheerleaders, and the inspirational music from the marching band and pep band. Mix them together and you have created the spirit at Modesto High School. A glance at the stands assured anyone of the loyalty of MHS supporters, who could be easily identified by the traditional Red and Black worn in the Rally and Parent Booster section.

One of the important if intangible aspects of MHS life is student spirit. Fall spirit leaders included faculty, athletes, and many members of the student body in their rallies and performances, with each week's performance calculated to stimulate enthusiasm and excitement—but most of all, pride and loyalty—in the students and staff of Modesto High. With a versatile flair for originality, Percy and Priscilla sponsored nutty contests and kept students guessing each week as to what zany stunt they would try at the next rally.

Rallies were outstanding events filled with emotional excitement, proving that spirit is not just an idle word, but that it demonstrates pride and an atmosphere of unity, upholding the traditional dedication to Modesto High School.





Far Lower Left, Panther football coach Don Adams displays his collection of balloons given to him by rally girls. Far Left, Anibal Beasley conducts funeral proceedings for the Downey Knight after he was slain by the mighty Modesto Panthers. Pall bearers Tom Johnson, Gene Loomis, Louie Merenda, Dennis Lyons, and Mark Schonhoff hang their heads in subtle victory while Jami Woodbridge, Lori Braden, Sue Bertozzi, Norma Anaya, Steve Imelio, Denise Fernandes, and Gwen Haley weep in mock sorrow. Left, Panther mascots Sue Vincent as Priscilla and Steve Imelio as Percy cheer the team on to victory atop the victory bell trailer. Below Left, Sophomore cheer leaders Suzanne Fisher, Jaylene Tuggle, Gloria Catzalco, Lisa Bentley, Minnie Bell, Susie Campbell and Connie Jiminez lead the fans in a yell. Below Center, Varsity song leaders Jody Paull, Janice Brink, Rosemary Presto, and Sandy Hart are caught in a heart-stopping mood as Panther opponents near a touchdown. Below, Tom Riggs is startled by all the eyes focused on him as he tries to tell the crowd how Modesto High is going to win tonight!



spirit leaders set pace for enthusiastic support



Devoting long hours and large sums of money, fall spirit leaders set out to promote enthusiasm and awareness of pride at MHS. Yet few realize the less glamorous aspects of being involved in school spirit.

Long, devastating hours were put into planning rallies and new spirit-sparking ideas. Much time was spent earning money for outfits, camp, and other additional expenses.

Some of the best rallies MHS has ever seen were produced this year along with many new spirit techniques.

Percy and Priscilla showed ingenuity with their many creative spirit-filled ideas. They added greatly to the spirit this year and deserve recognition for the great job they did as do all spirit leaders.

Often overlooked is the fact that without cooperation spirit cannot function. This means cooperation on the part of everyone involved: spirit leaders, team members, rally girls, and especially the general student body. Everyone must take part in helping to create a spirit-filled year. The fantastic pride of the Modesto Panthers is lost unless spirit infects everyone. A saying that sums it all up is "Victory isn't always in the score, it's in the Panther's heart, and that matters more."



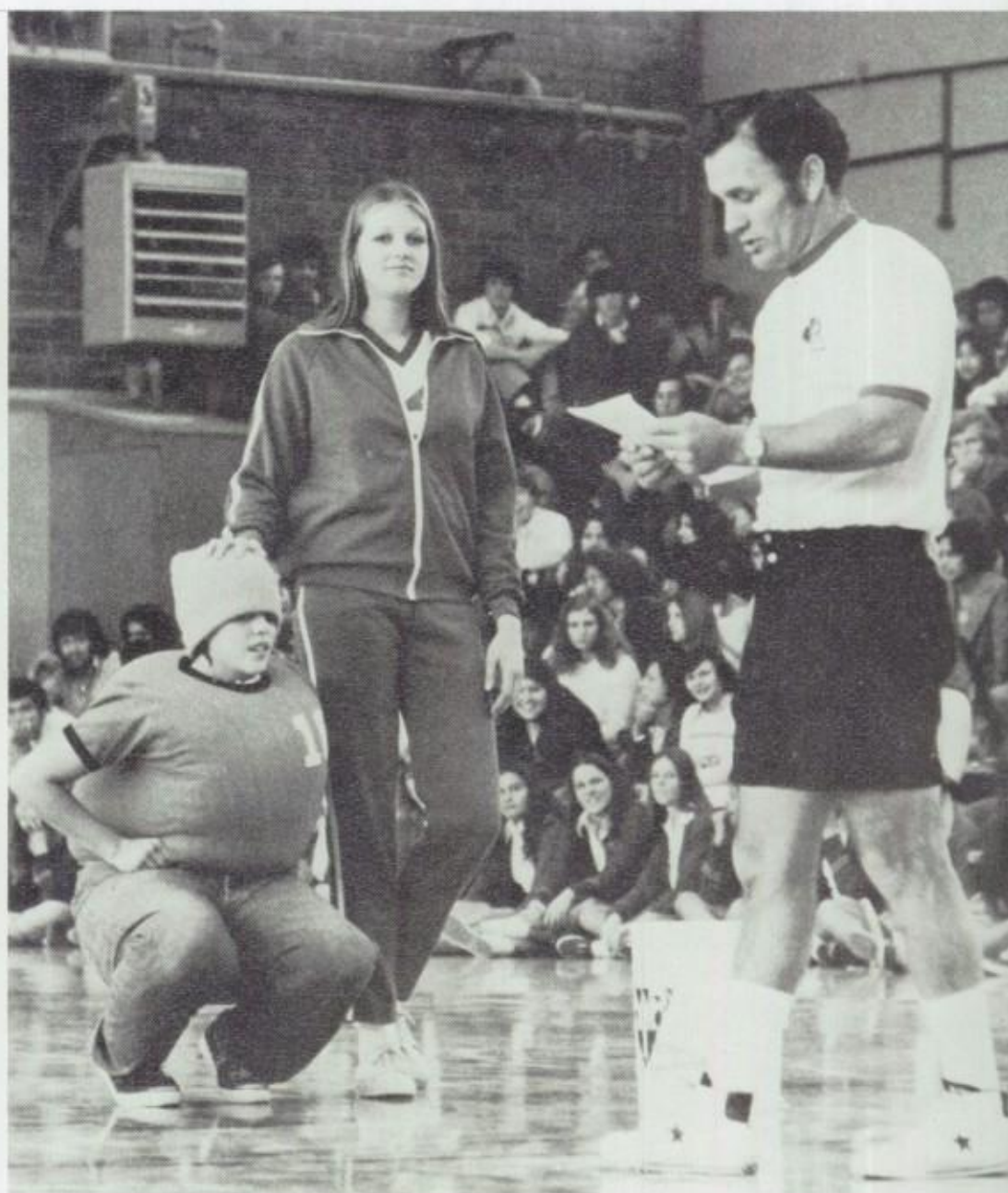


Far Left, "Beeboppers" try to impress a disgusted "Fonze" in the 50's Rally. **Far Lower Left**, Sophomore cheerleaders Minnie Bell, Lisa Bentley, Connie Jiminez, Susie Campbell, Jaylene Tuggle, Gloria Catzaleo, Suzanne Fisher, and Betty Beasley give freshmen their first experience of a high school rally. **Lower Left**, Varsity yell leaders Sue Bertozzi, Lori Braden and Norma Anaya add their spark to pep up the rally section. **Below**, During half-time, Rally Commissioners Gwen Haley and Joni Strohm, lead spirit leaders and rally girls onto the field to form the traditional funnel. **Left, Fall Spirit Leaders, Sitting**, Sandy Hart, Jaylene Tuggle, Minnie Bell, Gloria Catzaleo, Connie Jiminez, Susie Campbell, Suzanne Fisher. **Second Row**, Joni Strohm, Janice Brink, Gwen Haley, Leanne Van Duyn. **Standing**, Denise Fernandes, Rosemary Presto, Norma Anaya, Jody Paull, Betty Beasley, Lisa Bentley. **In Tree**, Sue Bertozzi, Lori Braden, Ceci Cardenas.



enthusiasm is kept alive in spring

Retreating from muddy gridirons and chlorine-contaminated water polo victims, Spring Spirit Leaders approached warm wrestling and basketball gymnasiums and sunlit-ened track meets of winter and spring. Along with the change from fall to spring came a new evolution of spirit. Bringing forth new ideas, different routines, uniquely designed red and black attire, and more spirit-promoting skits, Spring Spirit Leaders carry on the Modesto High School Red and Black tradition, yet in a somewhat milder style. With the numerous amount of sports events, even the most faithful spectators often found it difficult to attend every activity, and at times looked for the day when the season would come to a quiet close. Whether it was tennis, track, baseball, swimming, or any other spring sport, spring presented an opportunity for breaking away from the unison of the fall season and enjoying the chance to make individual selections of preference. Spirit leaders, too, availed themselves of this opportunity to be an individual, to learn to express oneself. Yet the spring season remains one of optimism and unity: MHS spirit rallies and individual athlete's accomplishments generate pride, enthusiasm, and loyalty then as at other seasons.





Upper Left, While waiting for Mr. Adams' instructions on how to shoot a basketball, Laura Seals displays her dribbling technique on basketball Diane Lewis. Upper Center, Curtis Denham, Percy, gets ready to pop the cork of the spirit jug at a winter rally pep-o-meter. Upper Right, Coaching on the sidelines, Mr. Miller displays his enthusiasm at a wrestling meet. Far Left, Spring varsity yell leaders Joyce Robinson, Sally Corgiat, Giselle Miller, and Adella Gonzales involve the crowd in a team cheering routine. Left, Spring Sophomore spirit leaders Laurie Leibes and Brenda Wheat sound off Panther Power Charge. Above, Spring Varsity songleaders, Jami Woodbridge, Cheri Christiansen, Terri Gonzales, Lynn Austin, Denise Tuggle, and Barbara Long support their winter teams by showing a little love with their sign.

Below, Dancing like a barrel of monkeys, Varsity Song leaders imitate Friday nights' basketball opponents. **Right**, Sophomore cheerleaders Brenda Wheat, Deena Shaird, Sabrina Washington, Suzanne Porcella, and Susan Alonzo, patiently wait to hear the team captains at the rally. **Far Right**, Spring cheerleaders sitting, Terri Gonzales, Jami Woodbridge Head, Lynne Austin, and Cheri Christiansen. **Kneeling**, Denice Tuggle, Deena Shaird Head, Barbara Long, Susan Alonzo Head, Laurie Liebes, Suzanne Porcella, Wendy Buchner, Becky Rosas, Darlene Seabra. **In Tree**, Brenda Wheat, Joyce Robinson. **Lower Left**, While anticipating the free throw for MHS, varsity cheerleaders, Denice Tuggle, Terri Gonzales, Adela Gonzales, Jami Woodbridge, Sally Corgiat, Giselle Miller, Cheri Christiansen, Lynne Austin, Curtis Denham, and Darlene Seabra, look on with confidence. **Far Lower Right** Varsity songleaders, Barbara Long, Cheri Christiansen, Denice Tuggle, Jami Woodbridge, Lynne Austin, and Terri Gonzales perform a routine at halftime to the music, "Machine Gun."



spring spirit leaders provide new ideas



Before becoming a spirit leader, a girl devotes many hours to the essentials of routine preparation. When the final "big day," cheerleader tryouts, is over and the ballots are counted, then the hard work begins to pay off for those chosen to represent MHS Spirit. Many afternoons and evenings are devoted to practicing routines, raising money, and putting into action new ideas of promoting spirit.

Enthusiasm and excitement generated by the spirit leaders help to build a feeling of unity throughout the entire student body. A spirit leader receives satisfaction through giving support to her competitive teams.

The Spring Spirit Leaders began their participation with basketball and wrestling, and devoted tireless hours to boosting morale and cheering spirits during the winter months. Early spring brought a revival of enthusiasm and a successful conclusion to the spirit season.

To be a spirit leader is a wonderful thing, filled with both excitement and defeat, but whatever else, an experience always cherished with pride and remembered as a part of the Modesto High tradition.

to cheer students

frosh begin building spirit

Combining enthusiastic smiles and spirited attitudes, Modesto High School Frosh Spirit Leaders sparked continuous excitement among the kittens. Even without the aid of preparation camp, they portrayed fine skill and perfection with their routines and were always able to keep their audiences enthused. Regardless of winning or losing, they put forth unfailing support throughout the season.

In exchange for all the glory she receives, many long hours of practice and sore muscles are devoted to becoming an MHS spirit leader. The Class of 79 Leaders have demonstrated their willingness and ability to achieve such success.





Above, Fall and Spring Freshman Cheerleaders, Trina Russell, Anita Menghetti, Helen Jimenez, Deidre Bradford, Tammi Ross, Candie Hastie, Debbie Moe. **Far Left**, Fall Cheerleaders get down to the chant "Frankenstein." **Upper Center**, Trina Russell does the point during the Davis Rally. **Far Upper Left**, Spring Frosh Yell leaders, Candie Hastie, Debbie Moe, and Deidre Bradford, let the crowd know that "We're Vicious." **Left**, Freshman Cheerleaders help promote spirit at a fall rally.



Above, members of General Rally unite to form a '76' in front of the school. Verna Abid, Tammy Agundez, Carolyn Allen, Susan Alonzo, Martha Anaya, Norma Anaya, Vicky Anderson, Colette Avila, Dena Avila, Jahna Bailey, Gail Baughman, Ronda Beachler, Betty Beasley, Silvana Beasley, Annette Berlanga, Donna Belaski, Candi Bellew, Connie Bettencourt, Mary Bilich, Lori Blackwood, Diane Brewer, Wendy Buckner, Susie Campbell, Ceci Cardenas, Terri Carlton, Rhonda Carson, Martha Catchem, Gloria Catzalco, Gayle Chadwick, Angie Choate, Irene Corgiat, Lenore Corgiat, Sally Corgiat, Lori Conrad, Becky Couchman, Deana Crook, Rhonda Crum, Angie Del Re, Cindy Epperson, Debbie Espinoza, Denise Farris, Denice Fernandes, Marilyn Fernandes, Tammy Fernandes, Janet Fields, Christine Fisher, Suzanne Fisher, Val Fisher, Vic Fisher, Vicki Ford, Irene Fuller, Nancy Gay, Patty George, Glenda Gibson, Debbie Gilmore, Diana Gonsalves, Margaret Gonsalves, Kathy Gwerder, Candy Haley, Candy Hastie, Dolores Harmon,

Sandy Hart, Margaret Haw, Karen Hedgecock, Mary Ann Henriques, Cindy Hosetetter, Lois Hunnicut, Cathy Hyer, Betty Inderbitzen, Linda Ivy, Connie Jimenez, Jolene Kruid, Leslie Lee, Fran Lemos, Peggy Long, Eileen Lorenzo, Marian Luna, Lori Marconett, Anna Marquez, Sherry Martin, Christy Martinez, Jill Meadows, Julie Meadows, Andrea Menghetti, Anita Menghetti, Paula Morrow, Chris Nelson, Linda Nevitt, Sandy O'dell, Teri Ormonde, Linda Ott, Sylvia Ott, Charleen Palmer, Margaret Payne, Annette Peltz, Suzanne Porcella, Rosemary Presto, Alice Renfrow, Debbie Renfrow, Carole Reyes, Joyce Robinson, Sonye Rodgers, Sandy Romero, Lorraine Rosa, Cindy Rush, Sandy Sanchez, Liz Santos, Tammy Santos, Lori Santos, Becky Schubert, Rhonda Seal, Julia Sherman, Tara Sisemore, Christy Snyder, Paula Tanner, Karen Tomlinson, Denise Tuggle, Jaylene Tuggle, Irinia Turner, Sheri Ulloa, Barbara Ustick, Connie Vasquez, Leanne Van Duyn, Sue Van Duyn, Cindi Van Vliet, Tina Vires, Brenda Wheat, Megan Webster, Diane Wheeler, Dee Ann Winfrey, Elizabeth Zellman.

enthusiastic rally girls fill each semester with pride and spirit



If there was ever one individual group responsible for promoting school spirit and pride at Modesto High School it was the 1975-76 General Rally. As with many other facets of MHS, the General Rally has proven to be a diligent, hard-working group of girls who, year after year, have re-established the firm tradition of spirit-promoting activities.

Under the guidance of commissioners Joni Strohm and Gwen Haley, the General Rally was divided into specific segments, more commonly known as rally committies. These committies were headed by two or three executives and performed such duties as painting signs, decorating halls and lockers, planning rallies, and dressing up the football stadium before each game.

Devoting much of their time and effort towards creating a spirit-filled atmosphere exemplifies the special interest that rally girls have in maintaining an important MHS tradition.



Above Left, Jami Woodbridge, all two-hundred pounds of her, grimaces as she shows off her crazy day outfit. Above, Denise Farris, Jahna Bailey, Vicki Anderson, and Dee Ann Winfrey demonstrate the pride possessed by all rally girls as they sing the school hymn. Left, Rally girls generate excitement as the football team charges through the tunnel.

rally execs guide spirit committees



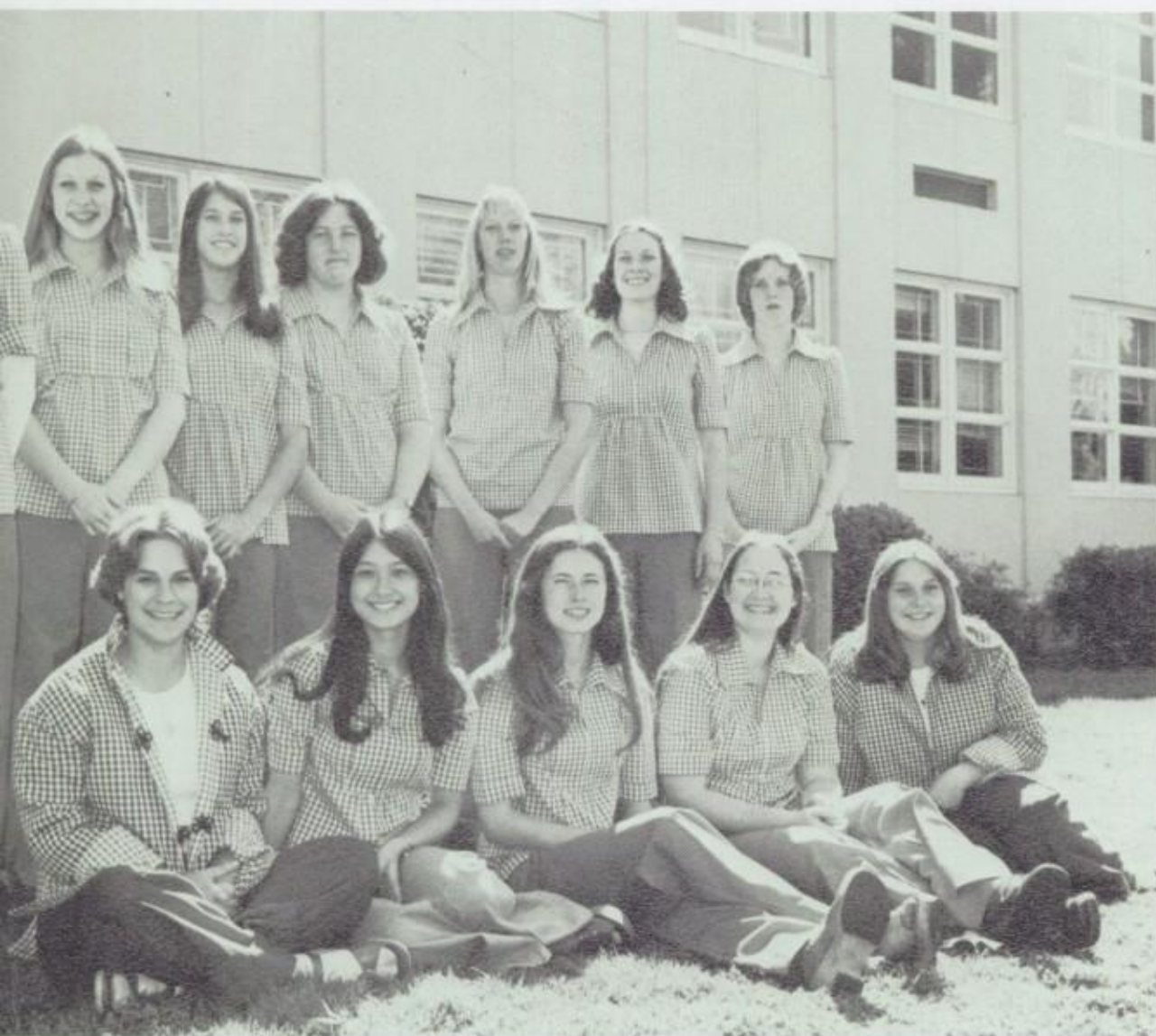
Above, Fall Rally Exec., First Row, Terry Gonzales, Darlene Seabra, Denise Tuggle, Vic Fisher, Jeanie Vaughn, Connie Bettencourt. Second Row, Gail Baughman, Debbie Espinoza, Adela Gonzales, Julie Bentley, Liz Uribe, Joyce Robinson. Third Row, Fran Lemos, Angie Del Re, Eileen Lorenzo, Carolyn Allen, Cherise Wend, Tara Sismore, Vicky Anderson, Sandy Romero. Fourth Row, Dolores Harmon, Gisele Miller, Sally Corgiat, Margaret Haw, Leslie Lee, Sylvia Ott, Joni Strohm, Denise Farris, Lori Marconett. Fifth Row, Maridith Curfman, Jami Woodbridge, Sharon Gillette, Cheri Christiansen.

Before the end of each semester rally commissioners were selected for the following term. Their first tasks were to choose the members of Rally Exec., based on qualifications including membership in General Rally for two years. Honored by the selection, these girls were each asked to head a rally committee, including hall decorations, stadium decorations, painting signs, sports appreciation, and many other spirit-promoting activities.

Preparation for a spirited and victorious season began early last summer with numerous hours spent preparing signs, planning rallies, and Crazy Day events and organizing a full semester's worth of spirit activities. One of the major events of the fall is Slave Day, when Rally Execs are "auctioned" to fall sports team members for the day providing them with a chance to honor the fall athletes and promote school spirit.

Probably the most important events are the frequent sports rallies held on Friday afternoons before important games. Although rarely as successful as planned to be they nevertheless serve the purpose of recognizing athletes and inspiring spirit and unity among students at Modesto High School.





Upper Center, Gail Baughman, Chris Fisher, and Fran Lemos frolic in their play clothes on Crazy Day. Above, Rally Execs lead the audience in clapping along as the cheerleaders perform at a fall rally. Far Left, Sharon Gillette takes to the command of her master, Coach Bruce Emerson on Slave Day. Left, Spring Rally Exec, First Row, Commissioner Diane Brewer, Liz Uribe, Denise Farris, Joni Strohm, Commissioner Cindy Rush. Second Row, Janet Fields, Rhonda Carson, Chris Fisher, Ronda Beachler, Maridith Curfman, Peggy Green, Jahna Bailey.

queens remain a proud tradition

Cheerleaders, rally girls, and rally executives play the most important parts in keeping up the spirit at Modesto High. During school hours, they encouraged enthusiasm by decorating the halls, the athlete's lockers, and various other places on our campus, and by showering the athletes with hand-made sports appreciation cards. During the games they constantly yell their hearts out trying to keep up the spirit by getting the crowd involved. In times of victory, they're always there to congratulate the athletes, and in times of defeat, to lend an understanding hand.

All year long, spirit leaders honor the sports participants, and only at the homecoming rally, do the athletes have a real chance to recognize their efforts. At this time, the athletes, for whom they have worked so very hard, choose a queen and an attendant to represent the long-lasting spirit of Modesto High School.



If the question was to choose a hundred girls who displayed outstanding spirit and enthusiasm, the task would not be too difficult. Narrowing it down to just two is a job which requires much consideration. But the final recipient of the role and crown is never disputed, and it is with this honor that the athletes express their gratitude for the hard work that has been done.



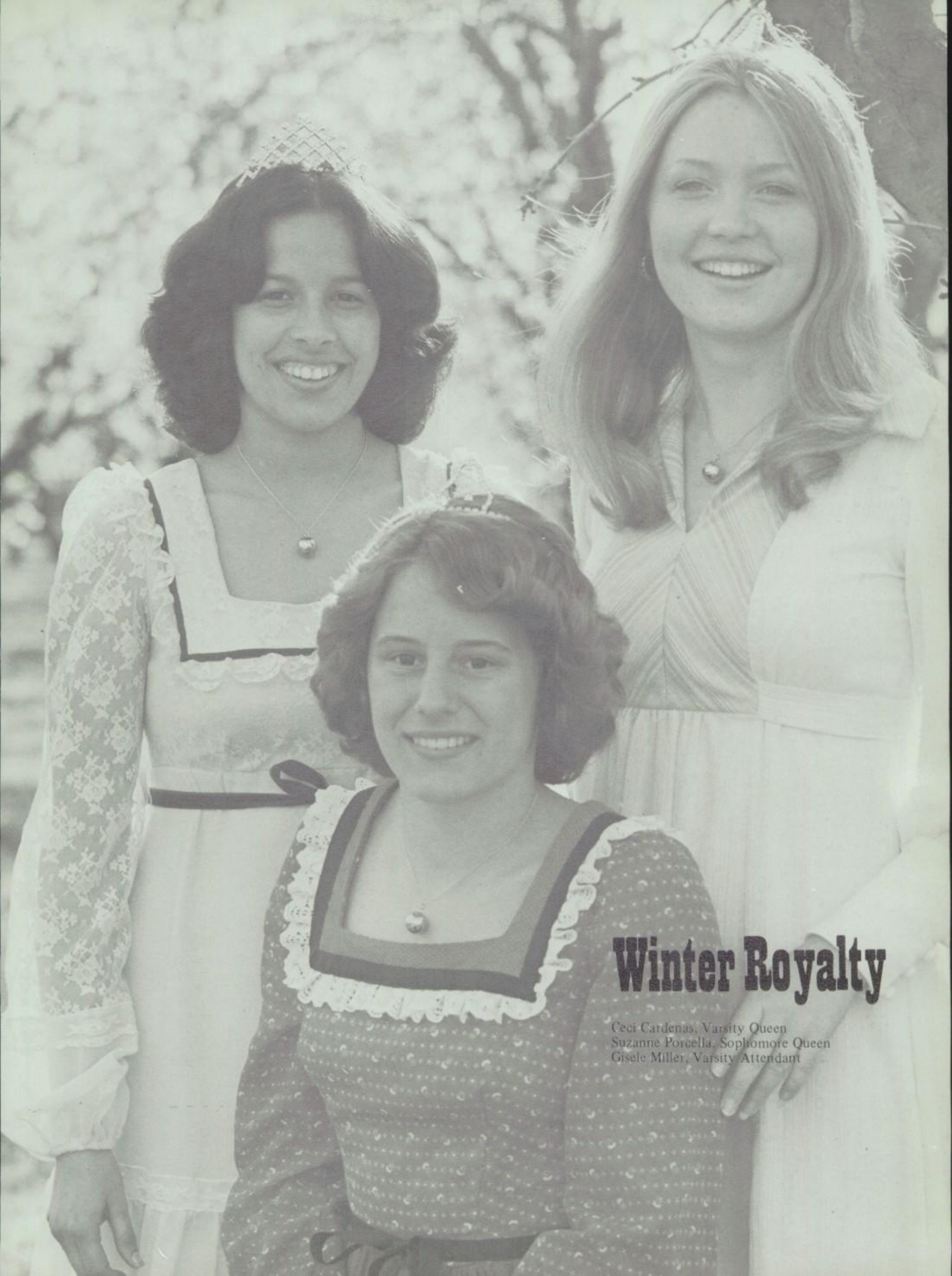


Far Left, After being crowned Varsity Queen, Ceci Cardenas reigns from her throne at the Winter Royalty Rally. **Upper Left,** Jan Brink, Fall Varsity Queen, clutches her bouquet of roses while singing the school hymn. **Upper Center,** Gwen Haley, Fall Varsity Attendant, stands next to the podium as she presents awards at the fall sports banquet. **Above,** Fall Sophomore Queen, Jaylene Tuggle listens to the names of the award winners at the fall sports banquet. **Lower Left,** Ski Angle and Richard Martinez escort Gisele Miller to the throne. **Left,** Suzanne Porcella receives her corsage from Steve Rocha honoring her as Winter Sophomore Queen.



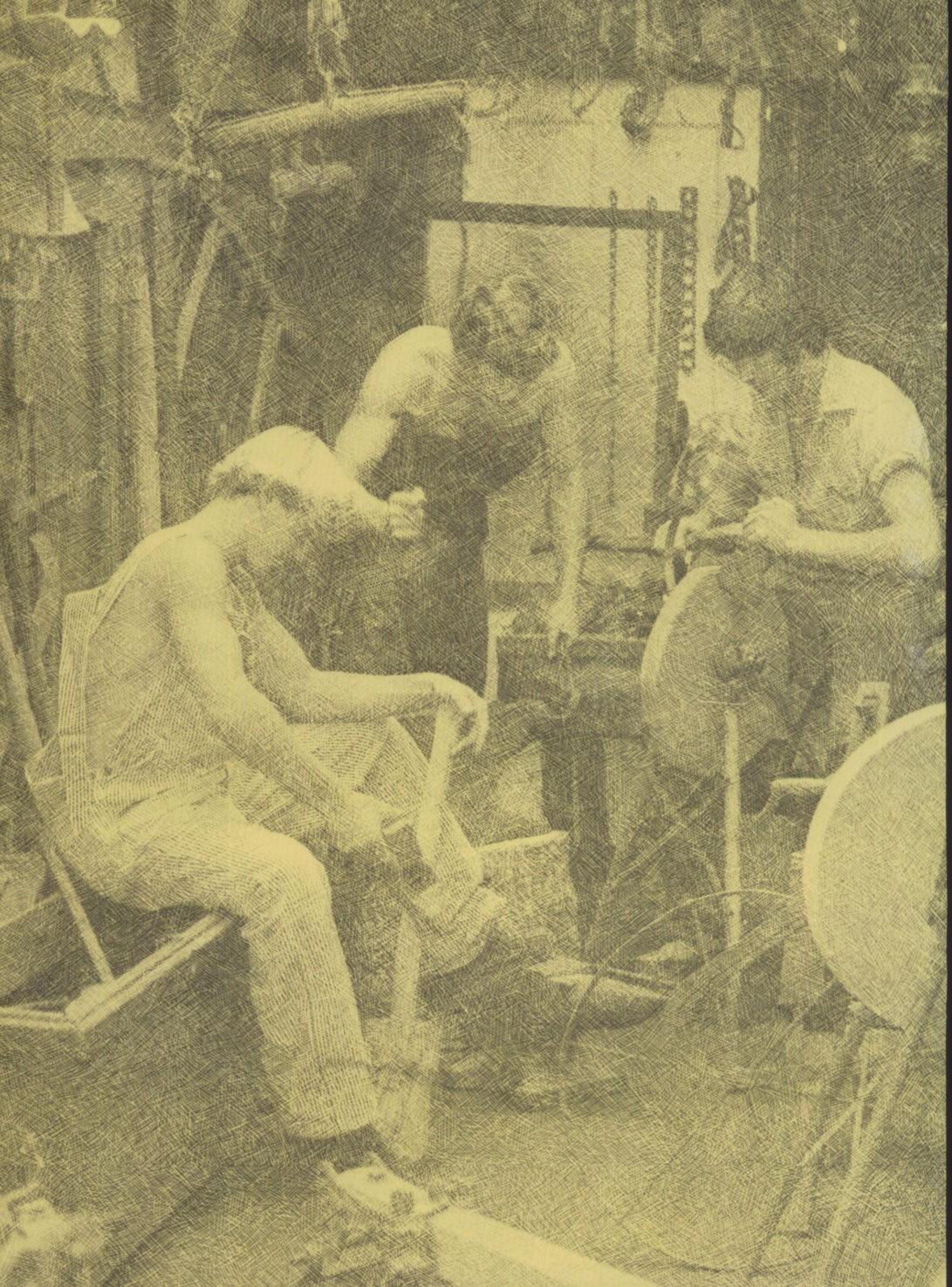
Fall Royalty

Jaylene Tuggle, Sophomore Queen
Gwen Haley, Varsity Attendant
Jan Brink, Varsity Queen



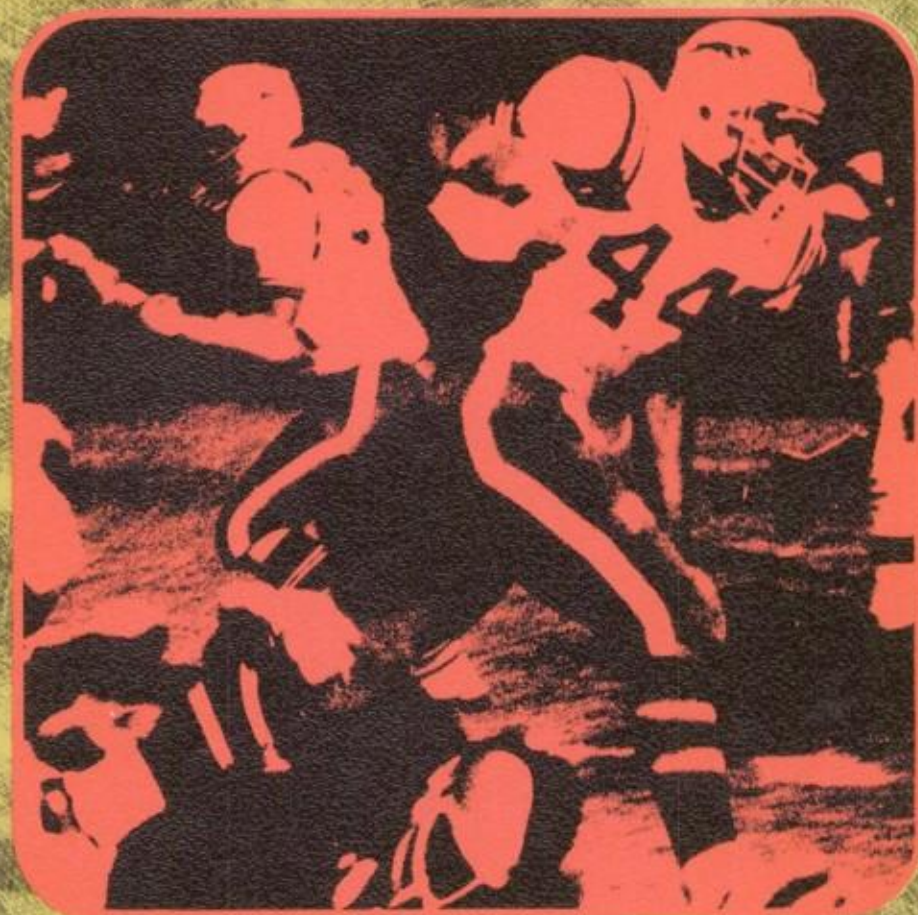
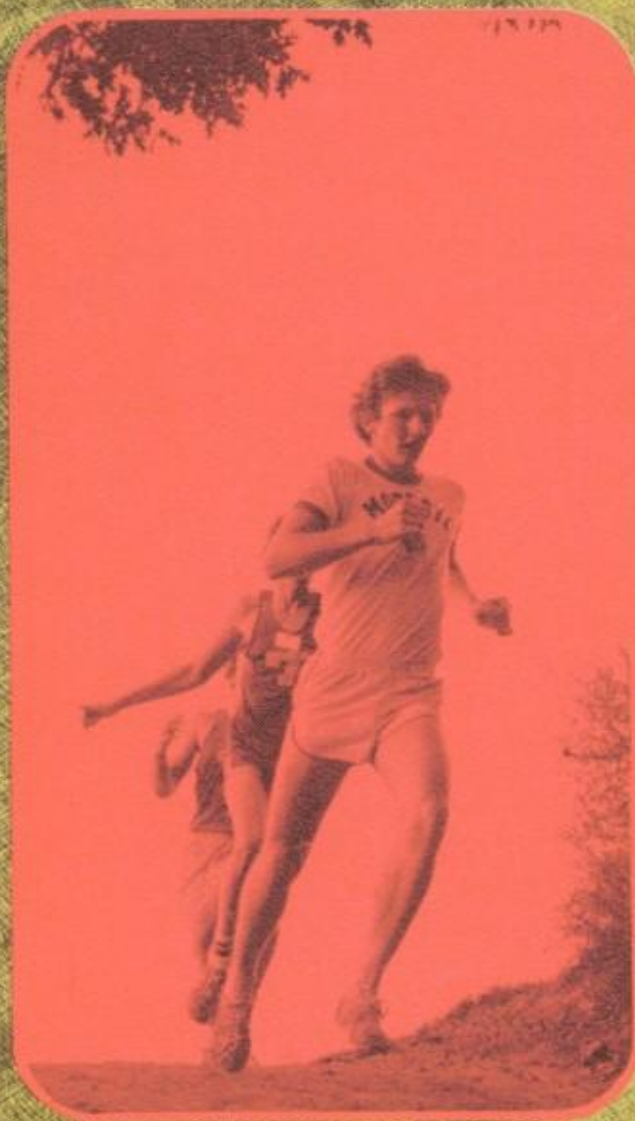
Winter Royalty

Ceci Cardenas, Varsity Queen
Suzanne Porcella, Sophomore Queen
Gisele Miller, Varsity Attendant



*'hold them as we hold
the rest of mankind,
enemies in war, in peace,
friends'*

Sports



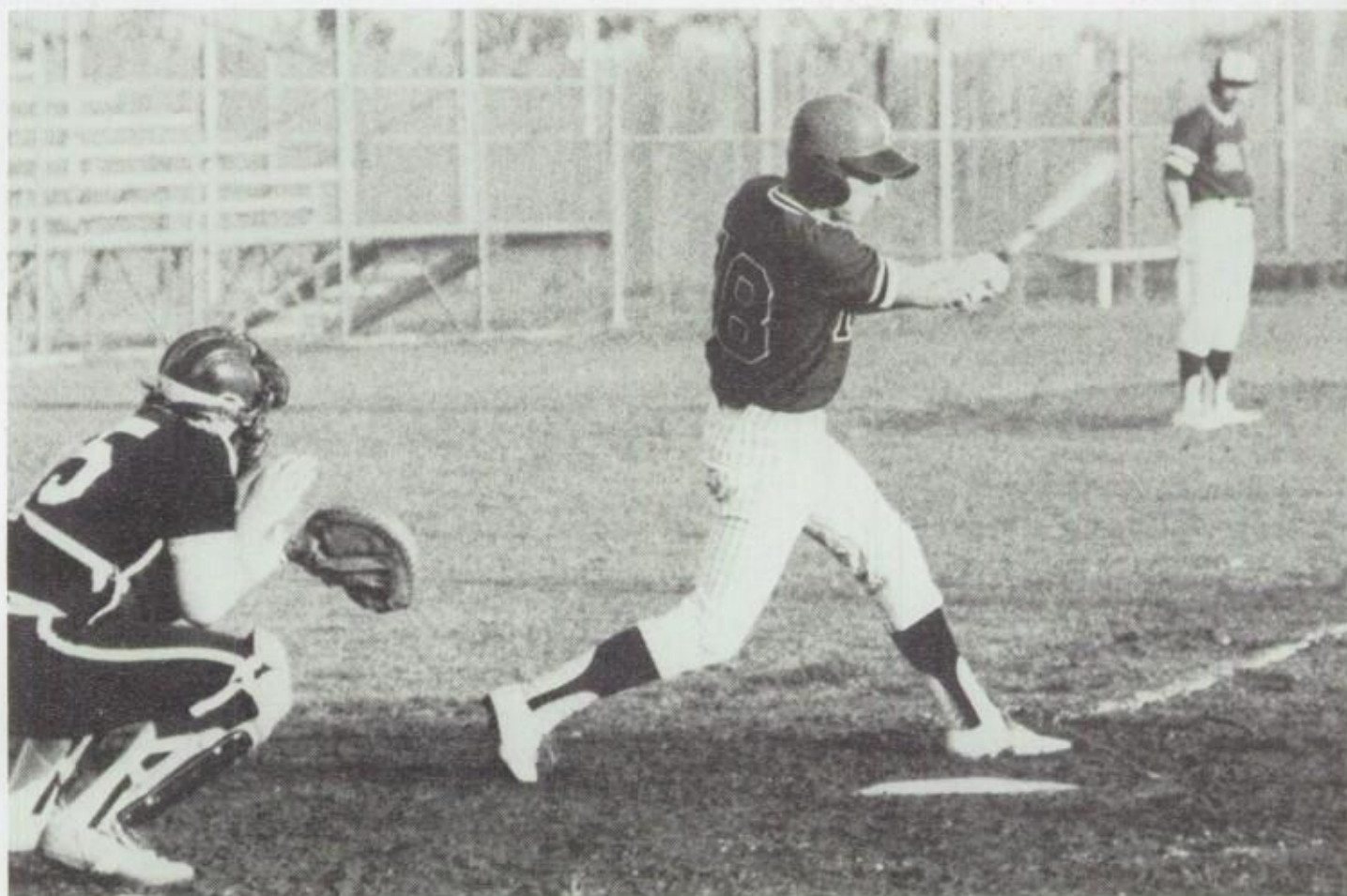
athletes maintain pride through apathetic seasons

Surprising early forecasters, Modesto High School athletics once again suffered through a year of losing battles. A lack of interested participants was listed as the main reason, as athletics endured the discouraging effects of a year of generalized apathy.

Few seniors participated on this year's teams. The resulting lack of experience added difficulties in attempting to produce the wins needed for a good season. Massive non-participation seemed contagious, with even spirit leaders and rallies only partially able to dispel the gloom.

But two new coaches were added to the staff, replacing others who had resigned, and so 1976 proved to be a year of rebuilding and planning for the future. Hope for successful seasons next year reigned in the minds of coaches, athletes, and fans. Having played as juniors, next year's seniors will have the experience and maturity needed for superb winning performances.

The teacher slow-down contributed problems in securing timers, judges, and record-keepers during the winter and spring. Yet parents, alumni, and friends were quick to fill the gap by volunteering their services. And although much of the work, sweat, and suffering seemed to be to no avail, this year's athletes upheld the long-standing traditions of sportsmanship and spirit that have made MHS students and alumni proud of their school.





Upper Left, Scott Clark drives down the base line against his Davis opponent. Upper Center, Steve Palleschi tees off on the front nine at Dryden. Far Left, John Helmer rips a double between second and third base. Left, Kim Pritchett stretches for a low backhand shot in doubles competition. Above, Practicing for the upcoming track season, distance men Lucas Alberto and Kevin Mize start another fifteen-mile workout.

excellent array of coaches leads panthers through tough seasons

An unsuccessful season is a very trying year for coaches as well as athletes. Giving their utmost effort, they begin working months in advance to prepare teams and plays for a few brief weeks of competition. Defeat brings disappointment and frustration, yet their long hours spent teaching new skills and their deep emotional involvement never slack off. Working to develop the potential of beginners, they also further those with demonstrated ability and give confidence to all.

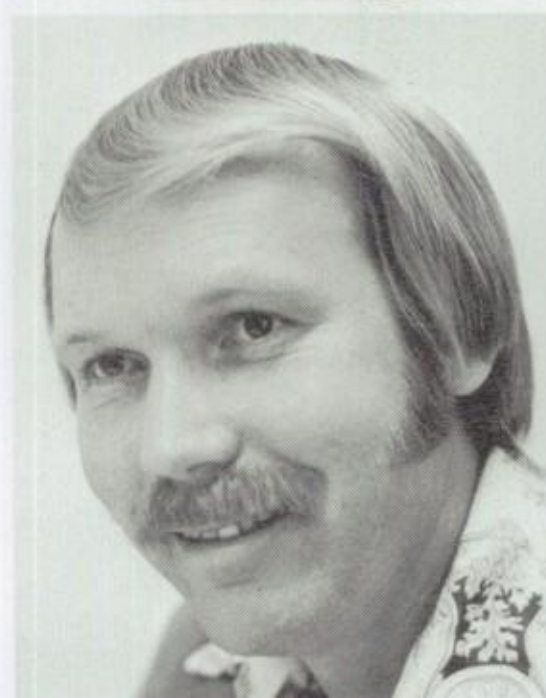
Continuing to inspire confidence in smaller than usual teams, MHS coaches sparked enthusiasm and spirit despite frequent losses in almost every sport.

Coaching assignments in several major instances have changed since last year. With the retirement of long-time swimming and waterpolo coach, Darrell Hull, MHS received "new blood" with the inclusion of aquatics coach Rick Schrichfield. Replacing Karl Finch as varsity basketball coach is Bob Cole, and replacing girls' gymnastics coach Sally Angove is Carolyn Booth.

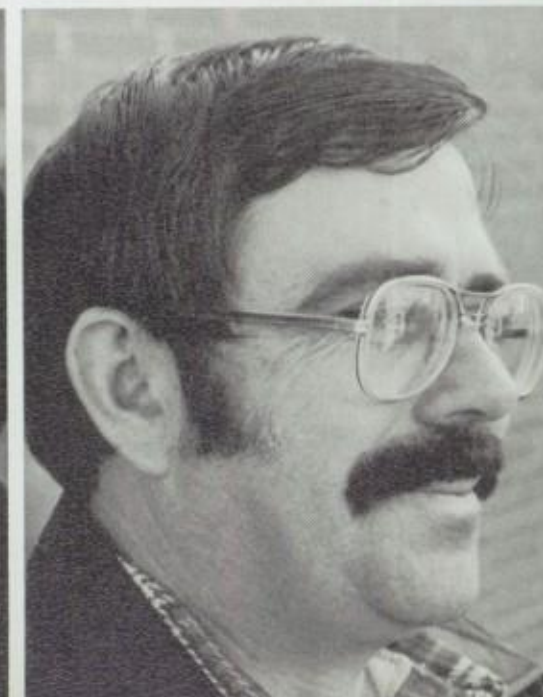
Don Adams, head, Varsity Football; Freshman Wrestling; H.L. Clark, Cross Country, Freshman Basketball; Bob Cole, Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball.



Bruce Emerson, Varsity Football, Varsity Baseball; Karl Finch, head, Freshman Football, Track; Len Kaiser, head, Cross Country, Track.



John Miller, Varsity Football, Varsity Wrestling; Rick Schrichfield, Swimming, Water Polo; Bob Vanoy, head, Sophomore Football; head, Track.





Paul Abby, *Sophomore Football, Sophomore Basketball*; Martin Boer, *Sophomore Baseball, Freshman Football*.



Carolyn Booth, *Gymnastics, Swimming*; Dennis Clark, *Tennis*; Jo Ann Henry, *Basketball*.



Dee Killam, *Tennis*; Mike Kiyoi, *Sophomore Football, J.V. Wrestling*; Herb Poddig, *Golf, Soccer*.



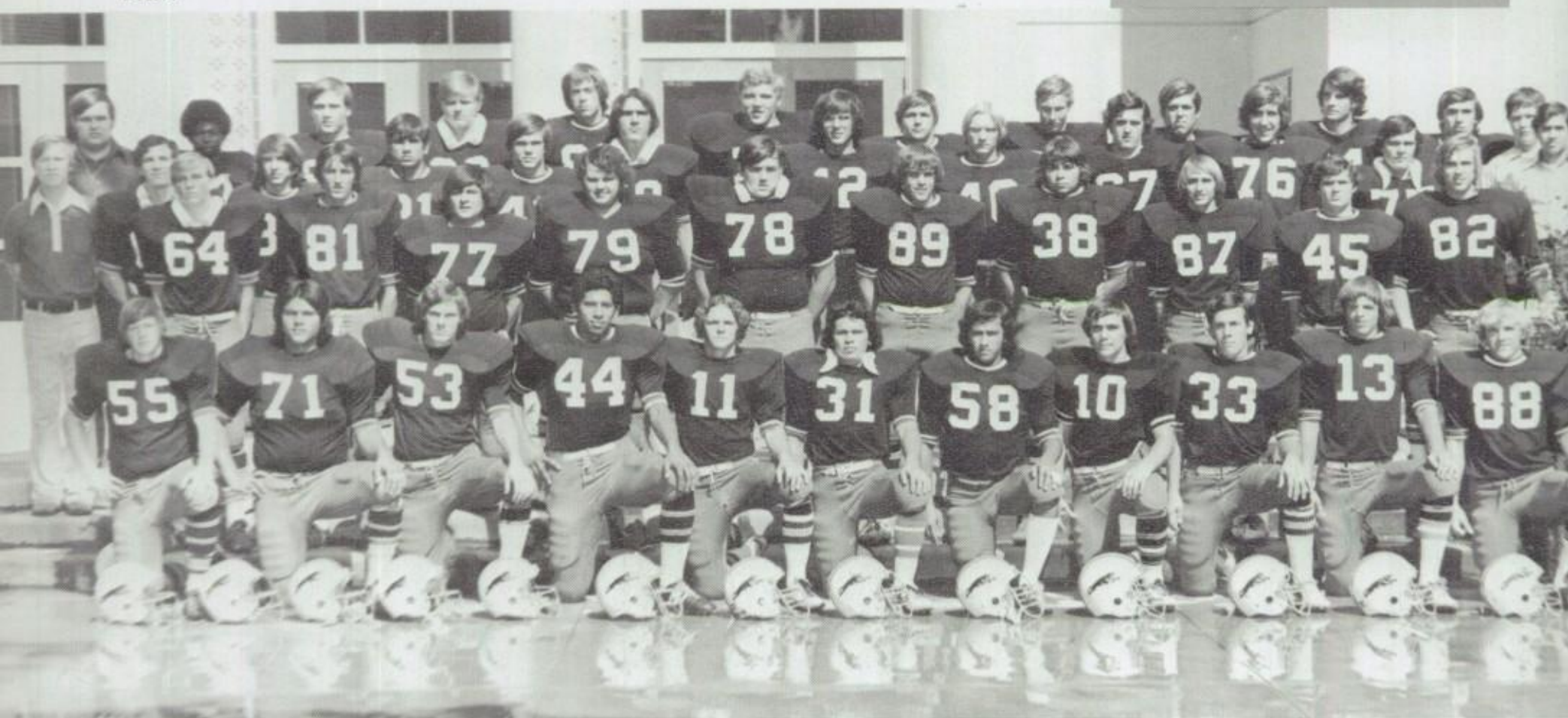
Pete Rocha, *head, Freshman Basketball, Freshman Baseball*; Yvonne Wilson, *Volleyball, Softball*; Bill Yard, *Gymnastics*.

small team is packed with power

If the football field was a few inches shorter, the word touchdown would have been a more common occurrence. Eight times the Panther offensive eleven carried the ball within the one-yard line, and often to the one-foot line, but were unable to penetrate the wall which would have unveiled pay dirt. Minor infractions plagued the Panthers throughout the season and resulted in many contests in which the Panthers were left scoreless.

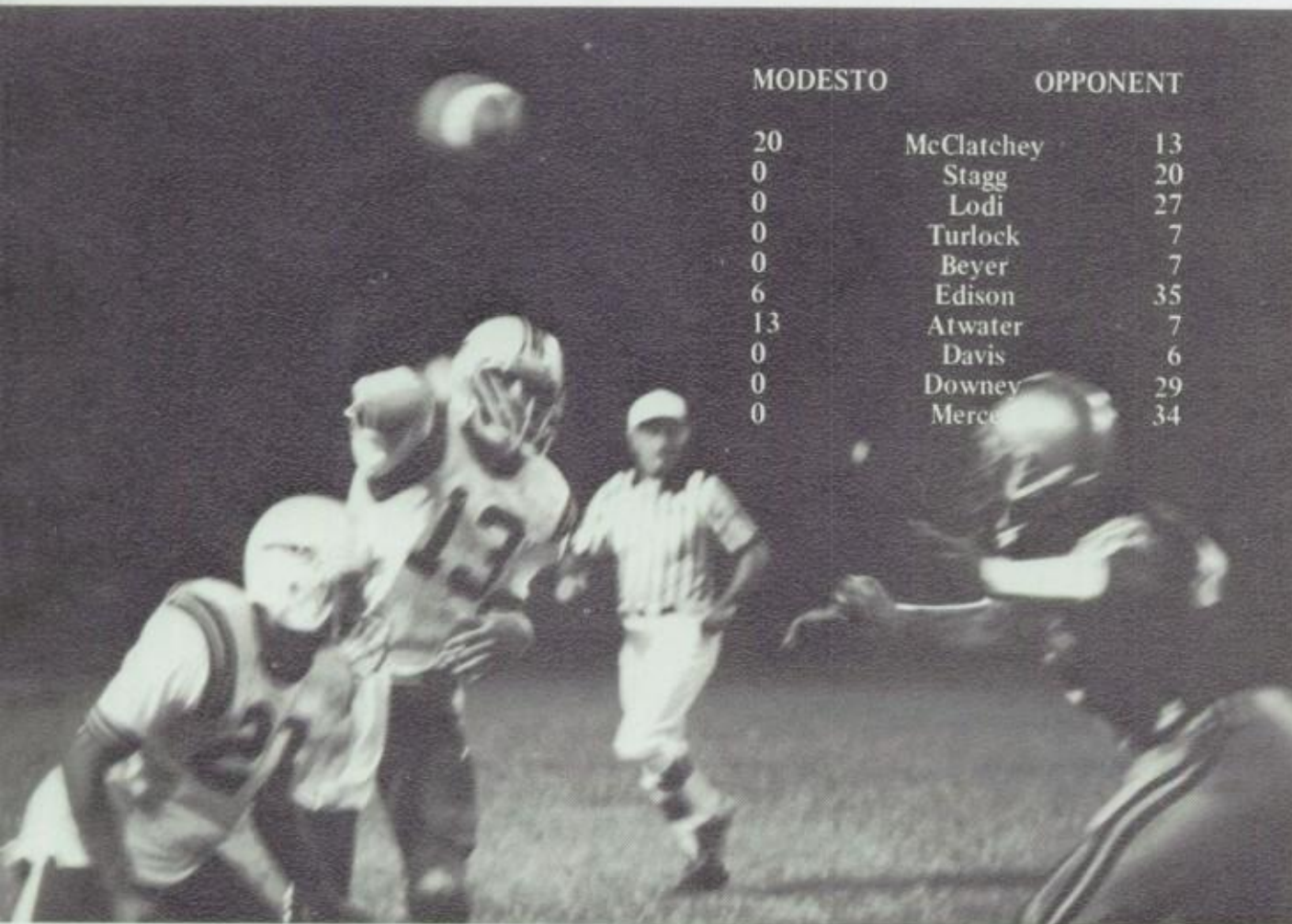
Although the bottom line figures showed otherwise, it was in its own way an outstanding season. Three of the eight goal-line efforts occurred against the Stagg Delta Kings, possibly the finest team in all of northern California. Fumbles, penalties, and other key mistakes stifled the scoring drives and unwillingly the Panthers had to relinquish the ball. Three more nearly successful efforts came against a super-charged conference rival, Turlock. A fumble into the end-zone and an alert Bulldog defense resulted in a turnover which paved the way to their scoring in the latter minutes of the game, too late for the Panthers to come back.

Although the Panther offense was a weekly guessing game even for the players, the Panther defense left the opposition wondering. Beyer High School, the 1975 CCC champions, were amazed at the power carried by such a small team. All their scoring drives were halted until the last stanza, when a plunge into the line struck an unprotected area. The Spartans of Davis High, said to have the most well rounded offense in the league, could not manage to get a sufficient scoring drive against the stingy Panthers until finally, late in the fourth period, a precision planned off-tackle scamper reached the end zone.



VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, Front Row: Bill Sheppard, Ruben Perez, Tom Riggs, Silviano Suarez, Dicky Engelhardt, Richard Martinez, Joey Hernandez, Danny Inderbitzen, Chris Costin, Tom Johnson, Ski Angle. **Second Row:** Gary Baughman, Joe Tomao, Tony Brasil, Anthony Copobianco, Mike Gentry, Donald Storer, Brad Henson, Steve Hull, Doug Jackson, Dayle Crook. **Third Row:** John Miller, Steve Walters, Dave Wallace, Eddie Perez, Scott Clark, Andy Kline, Dave Colby, Bill Boer, Brian Merenda, Carl Graffenstatte, Louie Merenda, Mike Silvera. **Back Row:** Brian Pearce, Gene Wilson, Dennis Lyons, Gene Loomis, Mark Schonhoff, Richard Ostorero, Scott Venturini, Frank Zumbach, John Epperson, Bill Ryan, Steve Gilmore, Mike Martin.





MODESTO		OPPONENT
20	McClatchey	13
0	Stagg	20
0	Lodi	27
0	Turlock	7
0	Beyer	7
6	Edison	35
13	Atwater	7
0	Davis	6
0	Downey	29
0	Merced	34



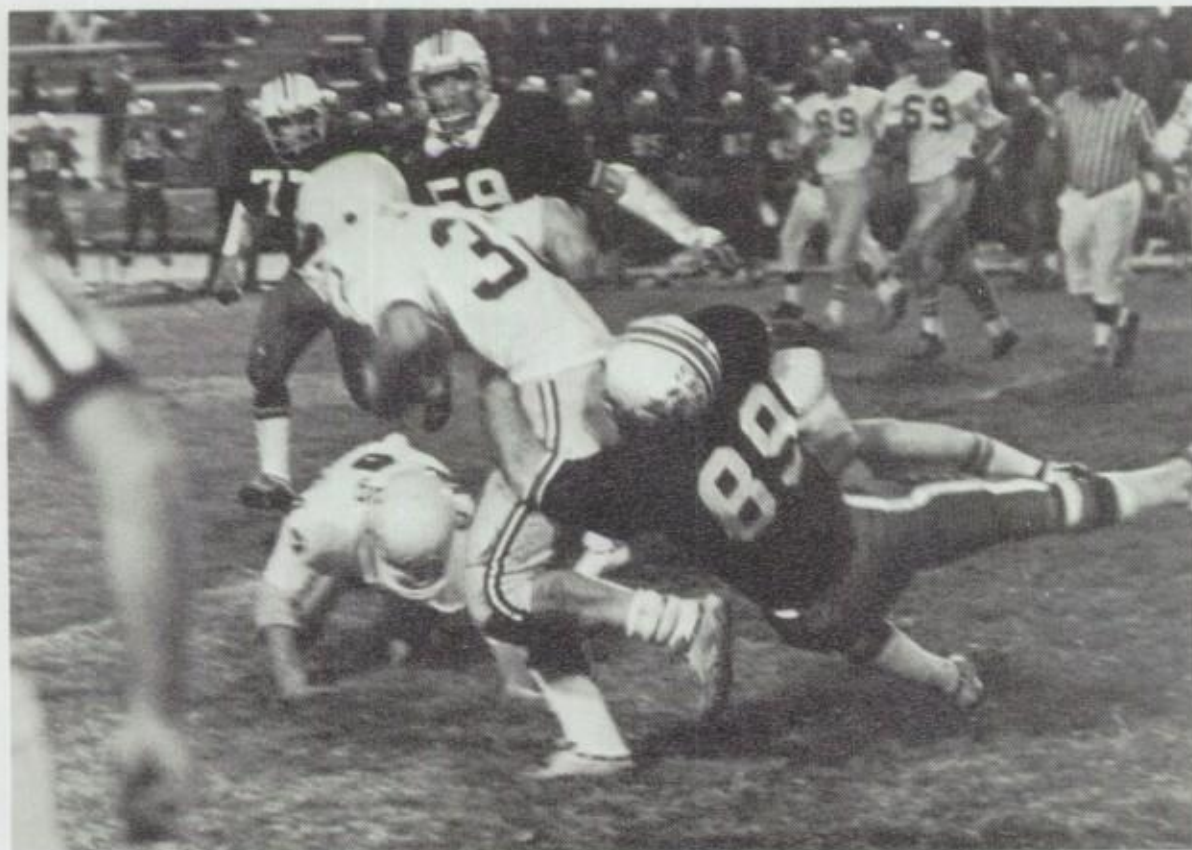
Top: Tom Johnson fires a pass completion over the middle with protection provided by Eddie Perez. Left: Silviano Suarez pours on the speed as he turns the corner on his way to another long gainer. Above: The mighty Panther defense holds Stagg at the goal line.

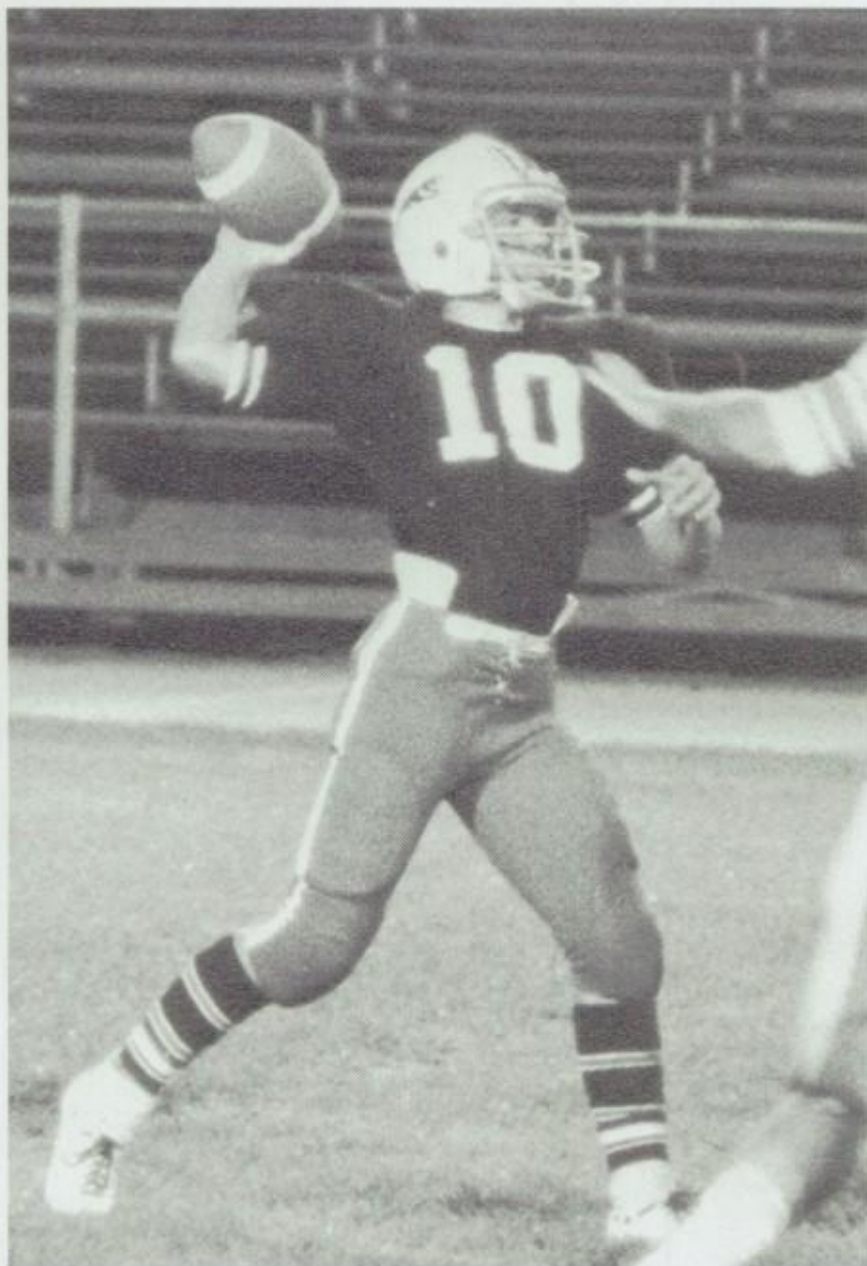
offense had its troubles

After winning the season opener against McClatchy the Panthers appeared to be started on the right foot, and the players began to have championship dreams. However, the next four games were heartbreaking disappointments which dashed these hopes: losing to teams we actually beat in statistics, giving the game away because of mental errors, and those same small but critical mistakes. But the Panthers retained their composure. Despite a long list of injuries, including broken ankles, dislocated shoulders, fractured ribs, and other "battle scars," the Cats showed a unique willingness to continue to play each game filled with pride and spirit.

The final high point of the season came in the encounter with Atwater High School. The Panthers came from behind in the second half and finally managed to spark a series of scoring drives, winning the game.

Two seniors and two juniors were selected for all-conference teams this year. Defensive lineman Silviano Suarez captured a first team spot along with junior Donald Storer, chosen for his outstanding play at middle linebacker; and junior Eddie Perez snagged a second team berth at defensive halfback. Bill Sheppard was the only offensive player from MHS to place on the list, for his consistency at the position of center.



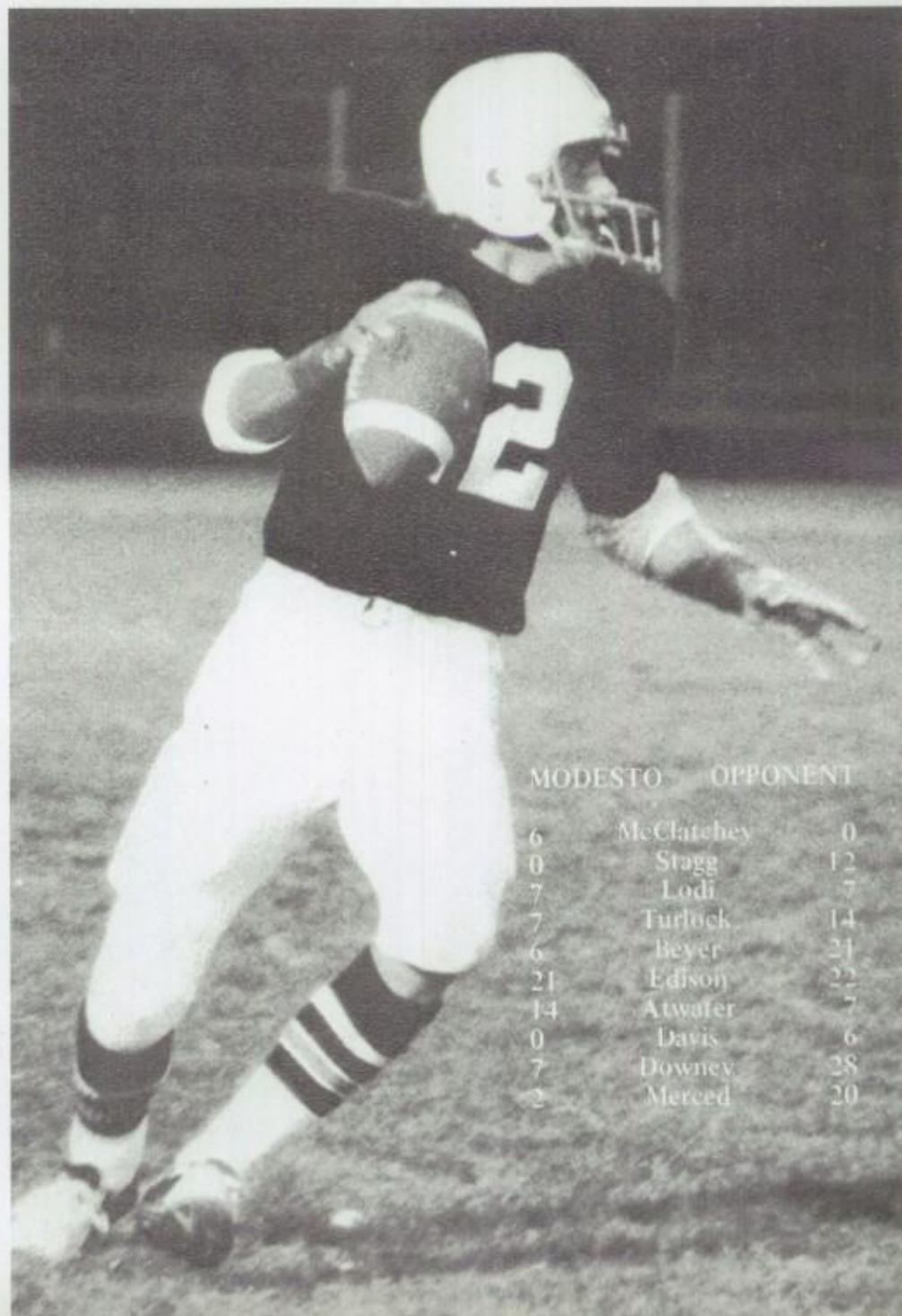


Far Left: Eddie Perez charges through a hole opened by the Panther line. Left: Danny Inderbitzen sights his receiver, takes aim, and completes the intended pass. Below: Dave Colby shows Davis' Mike Munthe the ferociousness and strength of the Panthers. Lower Center: Receiving the ball from Tom Johnson, Scott Clark eyes a hole in the defensive line. Far Lower Left: Donald Storer brutally attacks another victim.





SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL TEAM, Front Row: Mike Galvan, Javier Mendoza, Bob Chandler, David Victorino, Jovel Lozada, Milton Bridges, Klifton Anderson, Mike Alvarado. Second Row: Pascual Alvarado, Vincent Pimental, Steven Cisneros, Alan Bertozzi, John Stover, Kelly Bizzini, Clint Wilson, Anthony Martinez, Philip Johnson. Third Row: Lloyd Sangster, Steve Leus, Robert Martinez, John Wilson, Mike Merenda, Rod Williams, Arthur Rosenburg, Billy Pike, Thomas Lopez. Back Row: John Laude, Larry Christensen, Ted Lyles, Eric Ferguson, Jeff Caldwell, Tom Payne, Victor Rodriguez, Mike Cardoza, Kevin Bizzini, Joe Velo, Robert Millbrooks.



MODESTO	OPPONENT	
6	McClatchey	0
0	Stagg	12
7	Lodi	7
7	Turlock	14
6	Beyer	21
21	Edison	22
14	Atwater	7
0	Davis	6
7	Downey	28
2	Merced	20

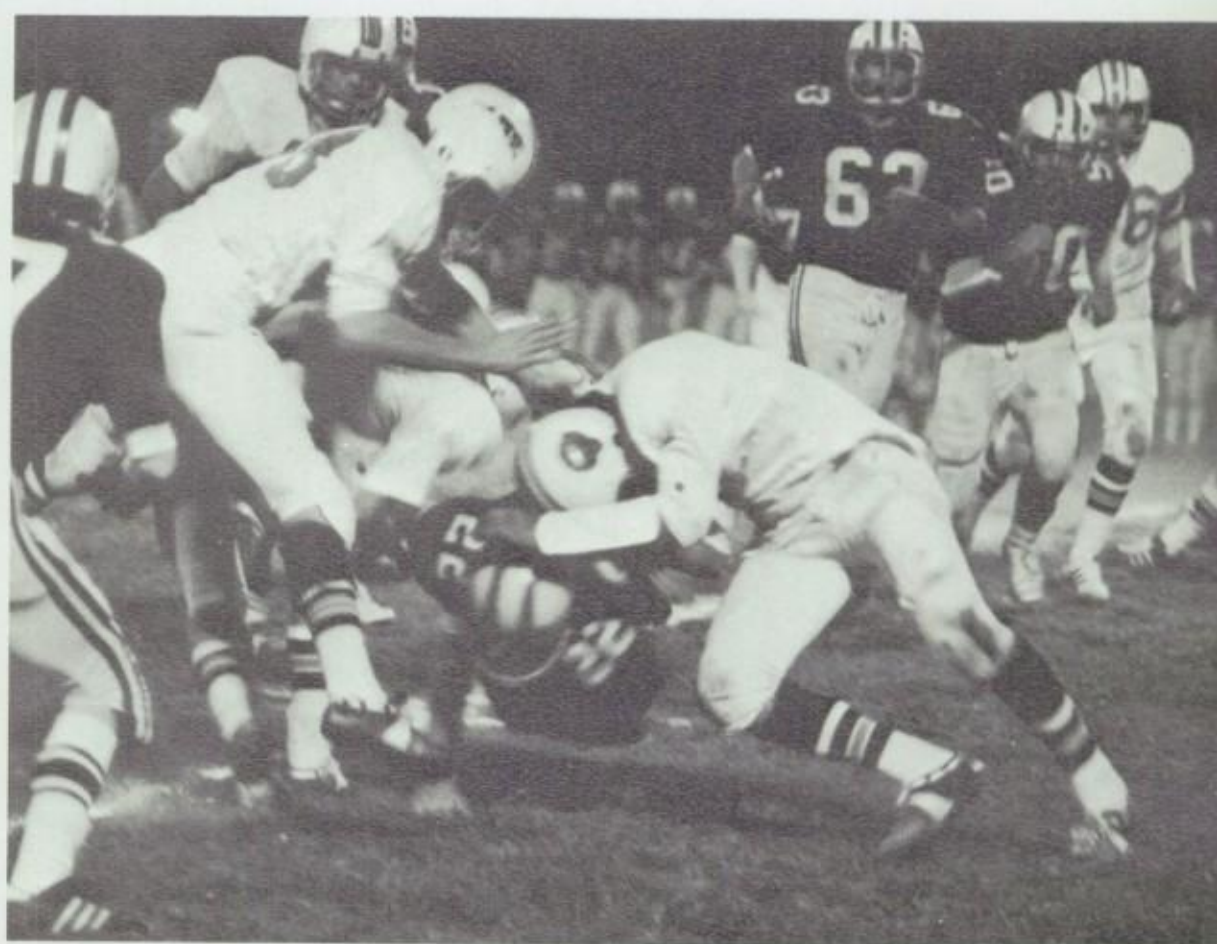


sophs carry outstanding efforts to varsity years

Under the direction of head coach Bob Vanoy with assistants Paul Abby and Mike Kiyoi, the sophomores outdistanced all other MHS football teams. These athletes demonstrate the potential to become great varsity performers in the next two years.

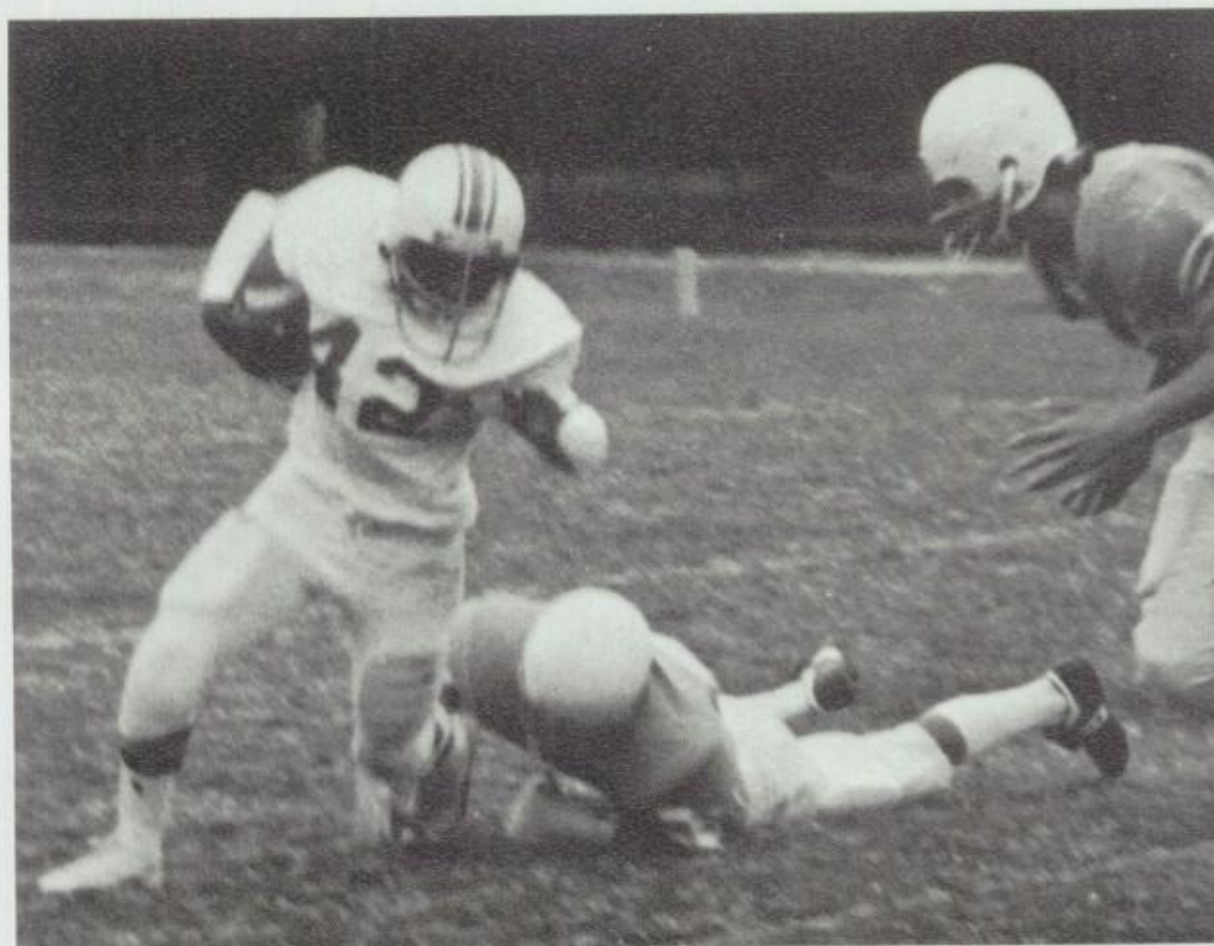
Paralleling the varsity throughout most of the season, the soph's were able to score in almost every game but still yielded more points to the opposition. A fierce running attack and strong defensive efforts highlighted the sophomore year, but, like the varsity, they were also handicapped by major injuries and mistakes. Much is learned from a losing season, and varsity coaches look forward to the correction of these errors in hopes of a winning season next year.

The Offensive Team was led by Phil Johnson, Anthony Martinez, Jeff Caldwell, Milton Bridges, and John Wilson. Combining for an outstanding Defensive Team were Joe Velo, Mike Cardoza, and Alan Bertozzi.



Top: Joe Velo and Alan Bertozzi upend the Beyer ball carrier as Milton Bridges and Kelley Bizzini move into position. Above: Mike Cardoza puts the hurt on an Atwater ball carrier with help from Kelly Bizzini and Milton Bridges. Left: Anthony Martinez, leading sophomore ball carrier, turns the corner in a right end sweep for an important gain. Far Left: Finding his receiver downfield, Phillip Johnson sets up to fire a pass.

Below: Breaking away for a sophomore score, Jovell Lozada runs for yardage with Alan Bertozzi and Robert Martinez blocking Lodi defenders. Right: Chris Santos and Larry Mendoza stop a Manteca runner after a short run. Lower Left: Adam Brasino starts cooking as he breaks away from Downey defenders. Lower Right: About to unleash another successful pass is Danny May.



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM, Front Row: Oscar Galvan, Sam Aguirre, Louis Guterrez, Ray Guterrez, Nick Artino, Caudill Grays, Larry Carraway, Ty Angle, Galen Chatman, Marty Brass. Second Row: Dan Guzzi, Kenny Faria, Mike Paul, Dan Borba, Salvador Cardenas, Daniel DeBerry, Ron McManis, Chris Santos, Mark Ferguson, Jose Bautista, Richard Fernandes, Francisco

Salvador. Third Row: Floyd Quigley, Danny May, Randy Adams, Adam Bresino, Joe Schoonover, David Grays, Robert Stack, Brian Marconett, Brad Kunkel, James Hedgecock. Back Row: Jeff Woodbridge, Larry Mendoza, Mike Koshola, Ron Ostorero, Stacey Banks, Robbie Robbins, Will Albert, Ron Caudill, Rocky Vinnedge, Bryan Bell, Tony Quinn.



The 1975 freshmen football team received a brand new array of coaches. Karl Finch, stepping down from his former position of varsity line coach, was chosen head mentor. Marty Boer, a new addition to the MHS coaching staff, and Pete Rocha filled in as his assistants and, together, this trio turned inexperienced individuals into a well balanced team.

Conference wins over Merced and Turlock and close contests with Central Catholic and Davis proved that the '79 team was a team of promise for future years.

Working with more depth than any other freshman team in the past, Coach Finch was able to start eleven different men on offense and defense, an objective strived for by every football coach. Outstanding players were Adam Brasino, who doubled as running back and line backer, Robbie Robbins, Floyd Quigley, Bryan Marconett, Mark Ferguson, Marty Brass, and Oscar Galvan. By showing tremendous improvement as the season progressed, the young Panthers substantially proved to the coaches, fans, and most importantly, themselves, that they are the winners of the future.

freshmen learn to function as a team

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, Front Row: Dave Tillery, Paul Spani, Terry Epperson, Nathan Bettencourt, Robert Ulloa, Jack Piazza, Joe Lopez, Clay Schonhoff, Jeff Klink, Joel McDonald. Second Row: Frank Gwerder, Dell

Lopez, Mike Mendez, Russell Miller, Eloy Bazan, Dale Sangster, David Espinoza. Back Row: Coach H.L. Clark, James Ables, Doug Ball, Lucas Alberto, Keven Mize, Mike Schonhoff, Bret Robertson, Jesus Alberto, Manuel Vallejo, Dale Gilbert, Dee Ann Winfrey, Sue Sesser, Coach Len Kaiser.



Above: Freshmen get a quick start in the two mile Conference final race held at Legion Park. **Right:** A new scene on the course this year, Dee Ann Winfrey represents the female athletics in Cross Country. **Center Right:** Coach Kaiser pins Keven Mize's name and number tag to his shirt before the start of the varsity race. **Far Right:** Modesto's three finalists for the section meet, Lucas Alberto, Keven Mize, and Robert Ulloa, work out after school at the municipal golf course in hopes of bringing home the coveted gold medal. **Upper Right:** Bret Robertson's intricate motion is captured by photographer Dave Silva at a Conference Center meet held during the first months of school.





cross country sends three to sections

Cross Country runners participate in one of the most tedious and grueling sports around. The average runner sets a pace of forty to sixty miles per week, often working out alone on long deserted routes he has found, through parks, schoolyards, alleys, and many other large open spaces or deserted areas.

The cross country team at Modesto High has been well coached for several years and is growing in popularity because of outstanding performances by its members. Although this year's squad carried only two seniors, each worked his way to the section meet, and both placed highly among the athletes competing. Lucas Alberto, an excellent long distance runner each of his four years, captured eleventh place overall, and Kevin Mize, the most-improved varsity runner for two years in a row, brought home eighteenth. A third Modesto High harrier earned an invitation to the section. Robert Ulloa, a freshman standout under coaches Len Kaiser and HL Clark, returned with eleventh place, also, and earned a mark for himself for next year.

The coach's strategy of attaining the highest possible placings included re-assigning the juniors to senior races. With this experience, the juniors are expected to be high contenders for the conference title next year.

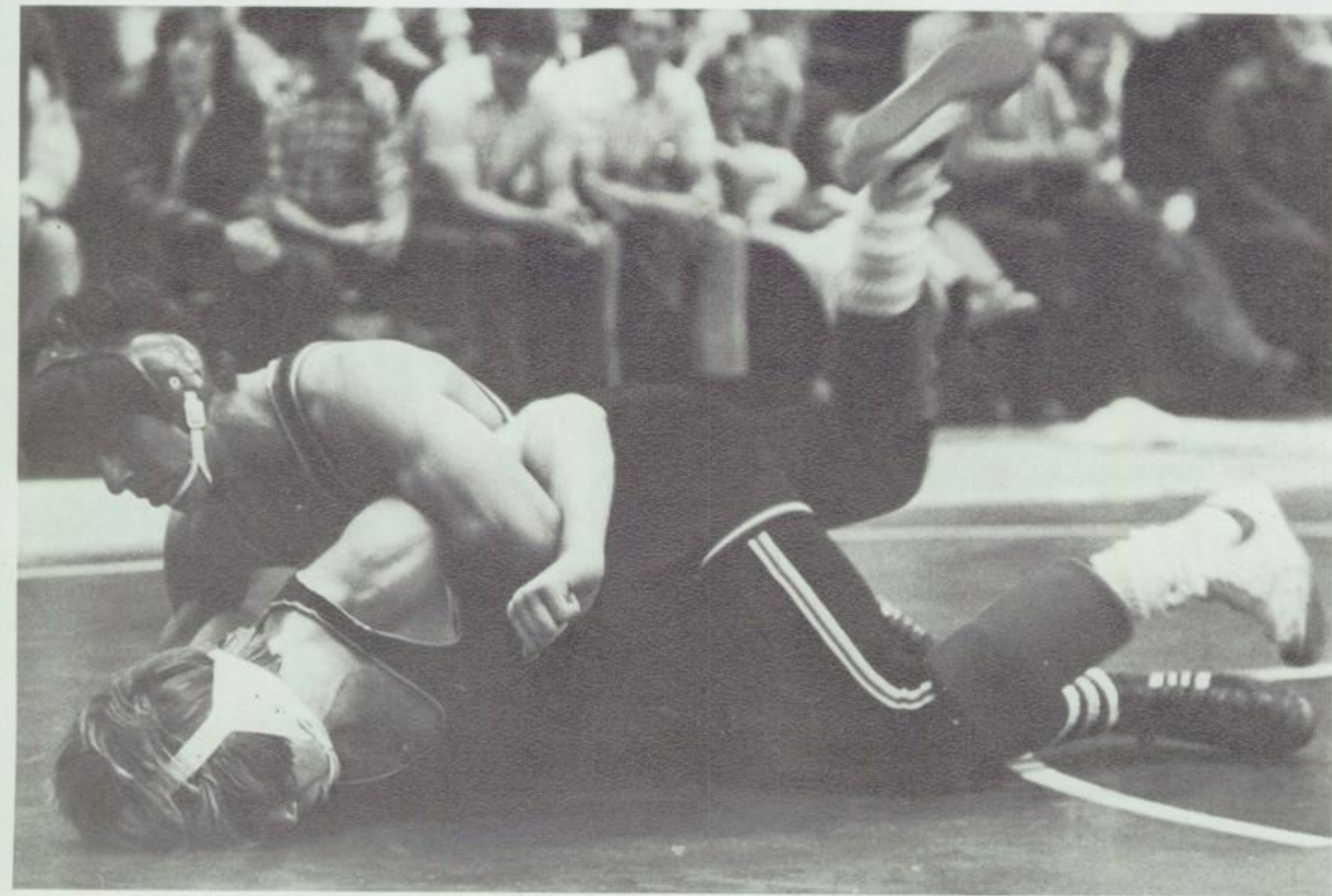
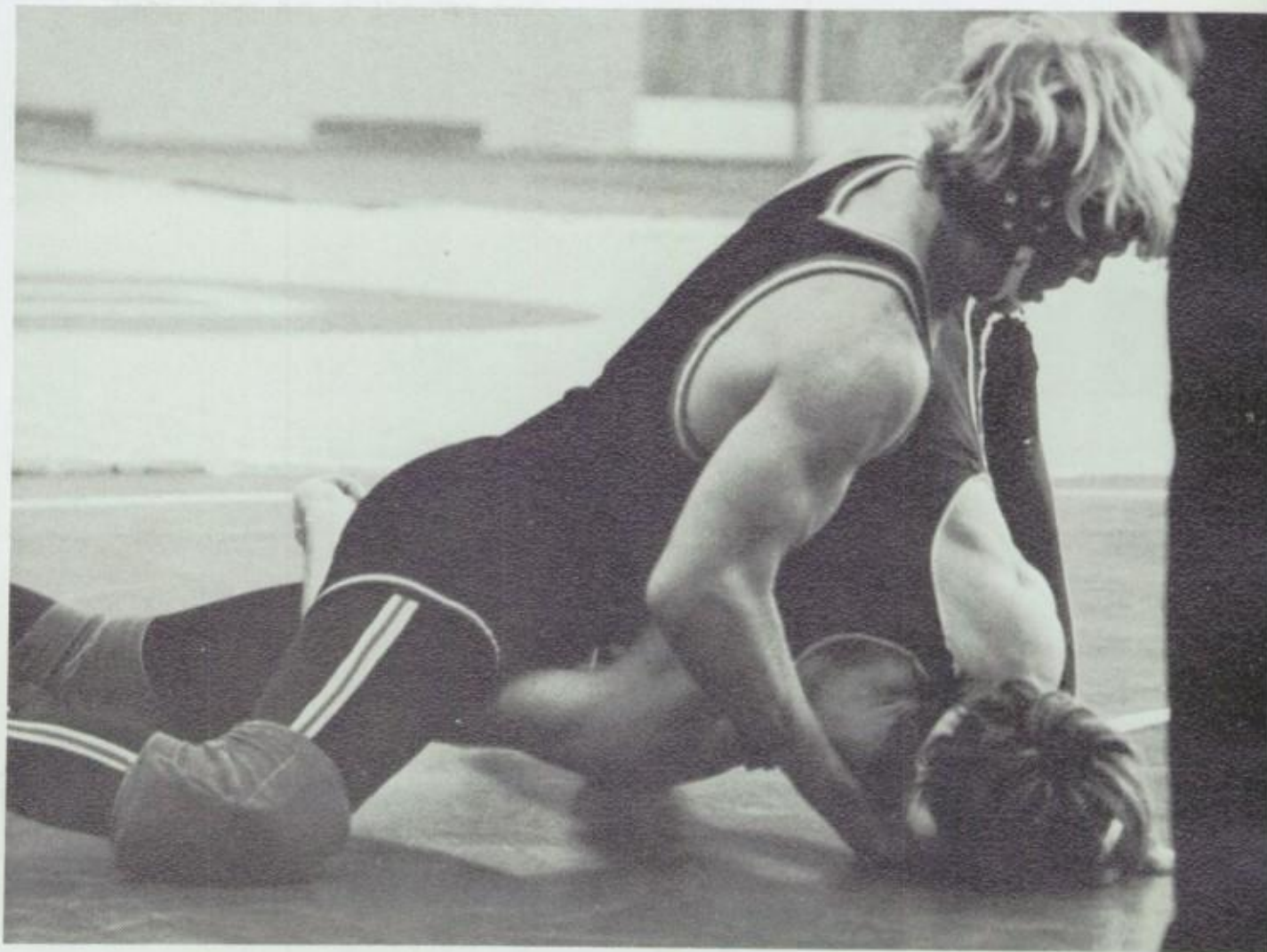
As women's liberation is making its way into almost everything, cross country became a first time co-ed sport at MHS. Joining the team were two junior girls, Dee Ann Winfrey and Sue Sesser, who, despite a rough first season, accomplished many of the objectives set forth by every female athlete.



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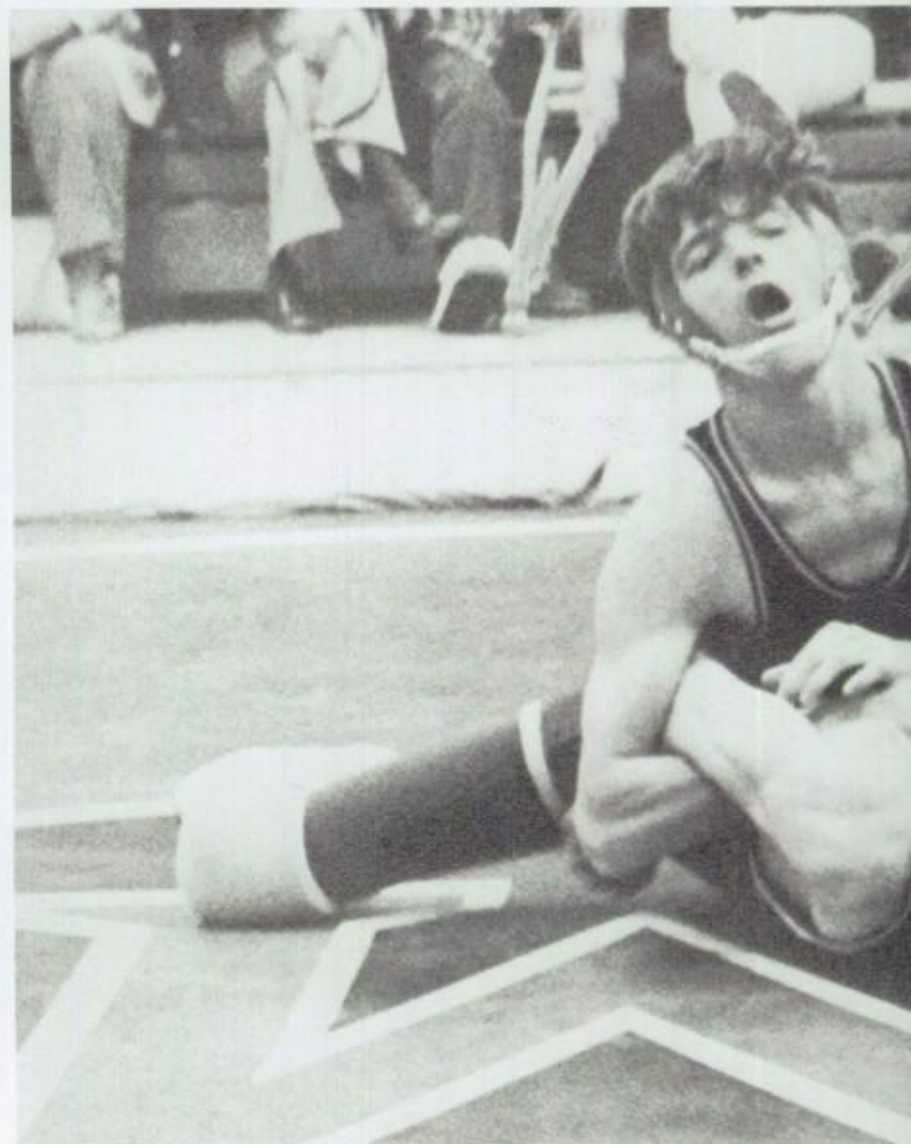
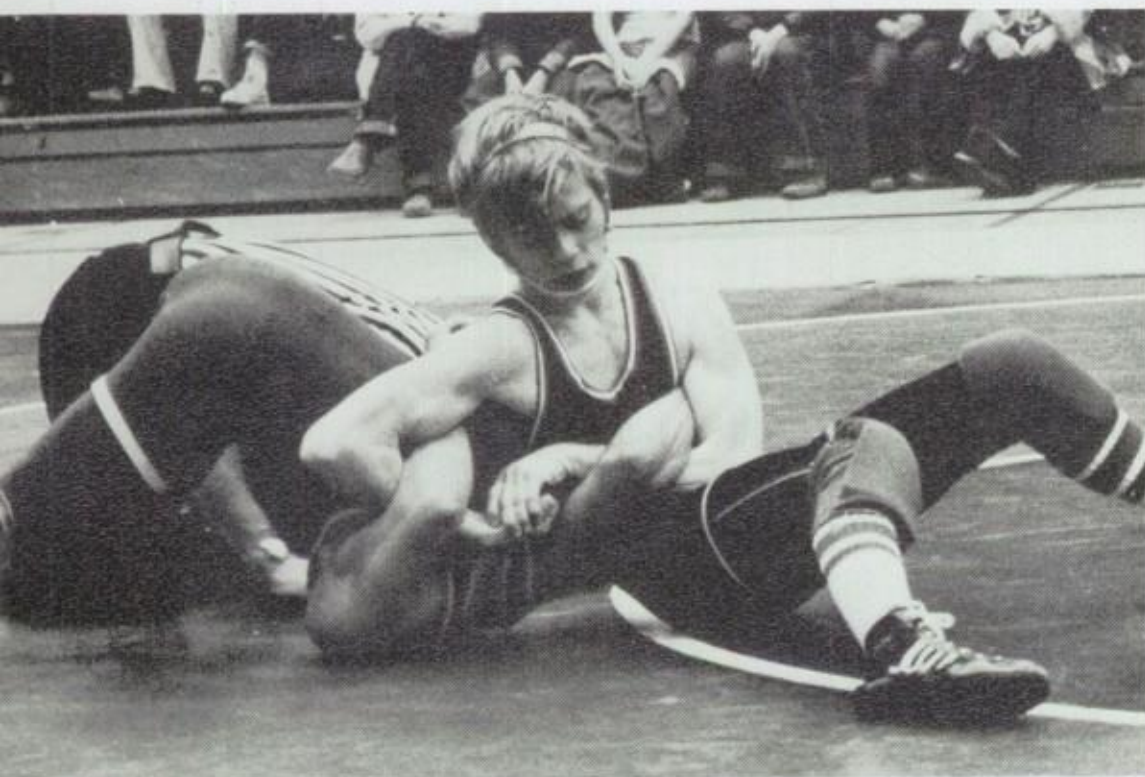
Left, Wrestling Team. Front Row, Rod Wright, Bobby Chandler, Russel Miller, Steve Vieira, Milton Bridges, Tim Cardoza, Ty Angle. Back Row, Ski Angle, Eddie Perez, Dan Inderbitzen, Richard Martinez, John Miller, Scott Venturini, Anthony Copobianco, Don Storer, Kevin Bizzini, Joe Velo.



soccer posts winning record

Growing enthusiasm towards soccer has built it to its highest potential ever. Many of last years' team members returned to produce a stronger, more experienced team this year. Showing their pride and spirit in all new uniforms, they compiled a superb record of 6 wins, 3 losses, and 2 ties. Once again, the soccer team was dominated by Mexican-American and Oriental students offering an outlet for natural athletic abilities.

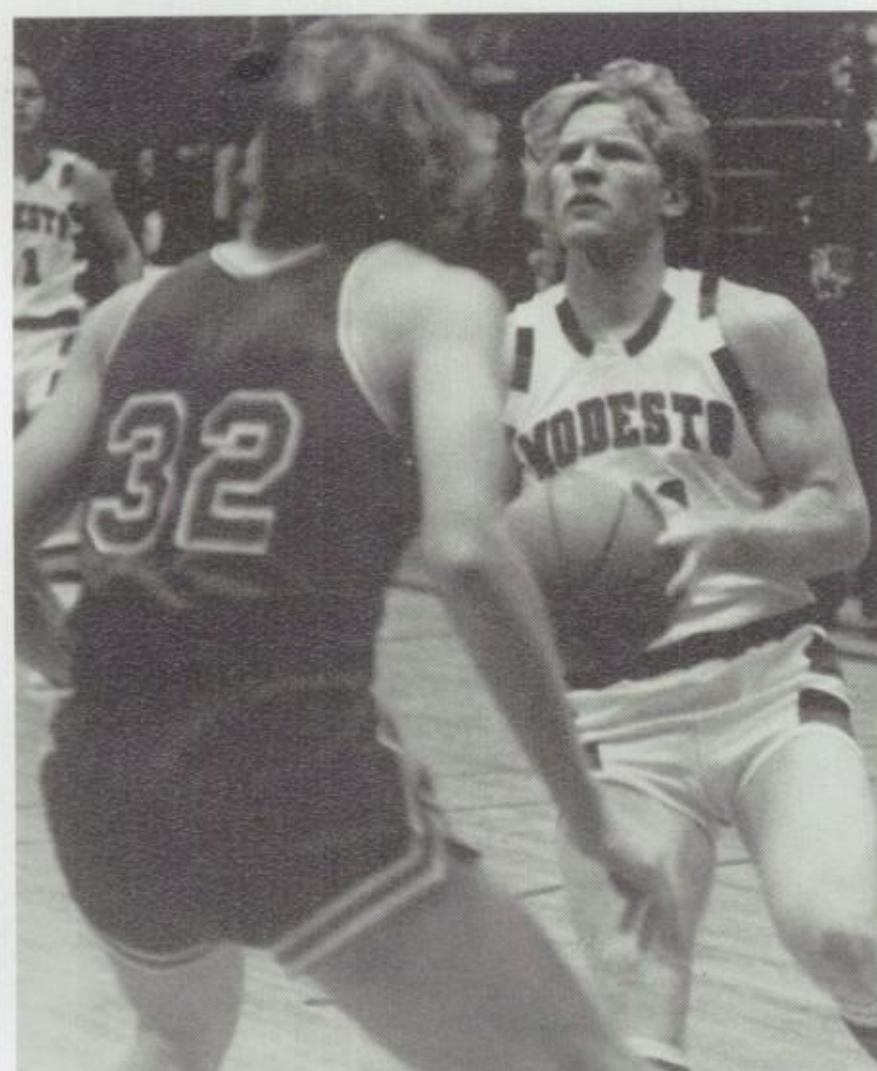
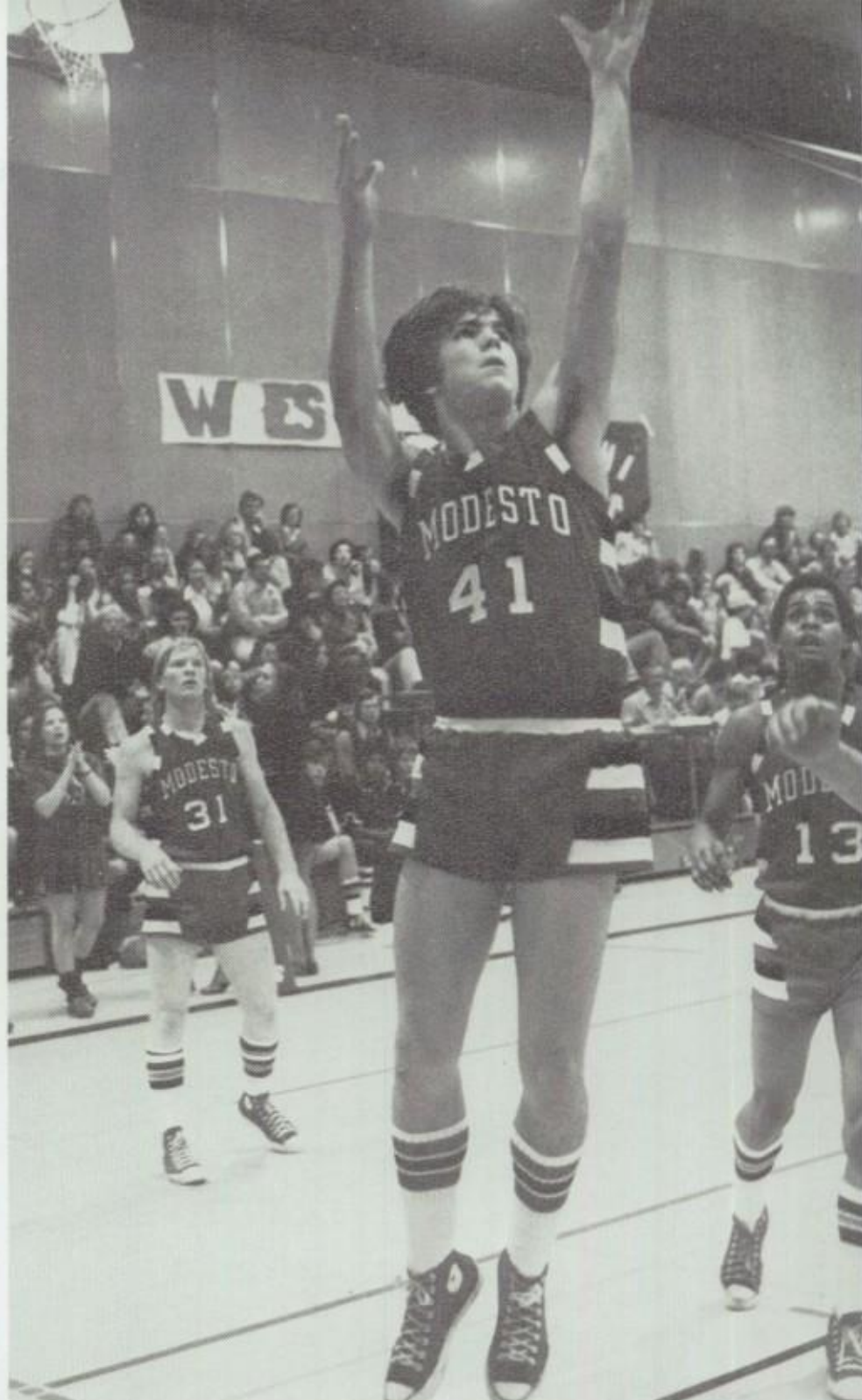
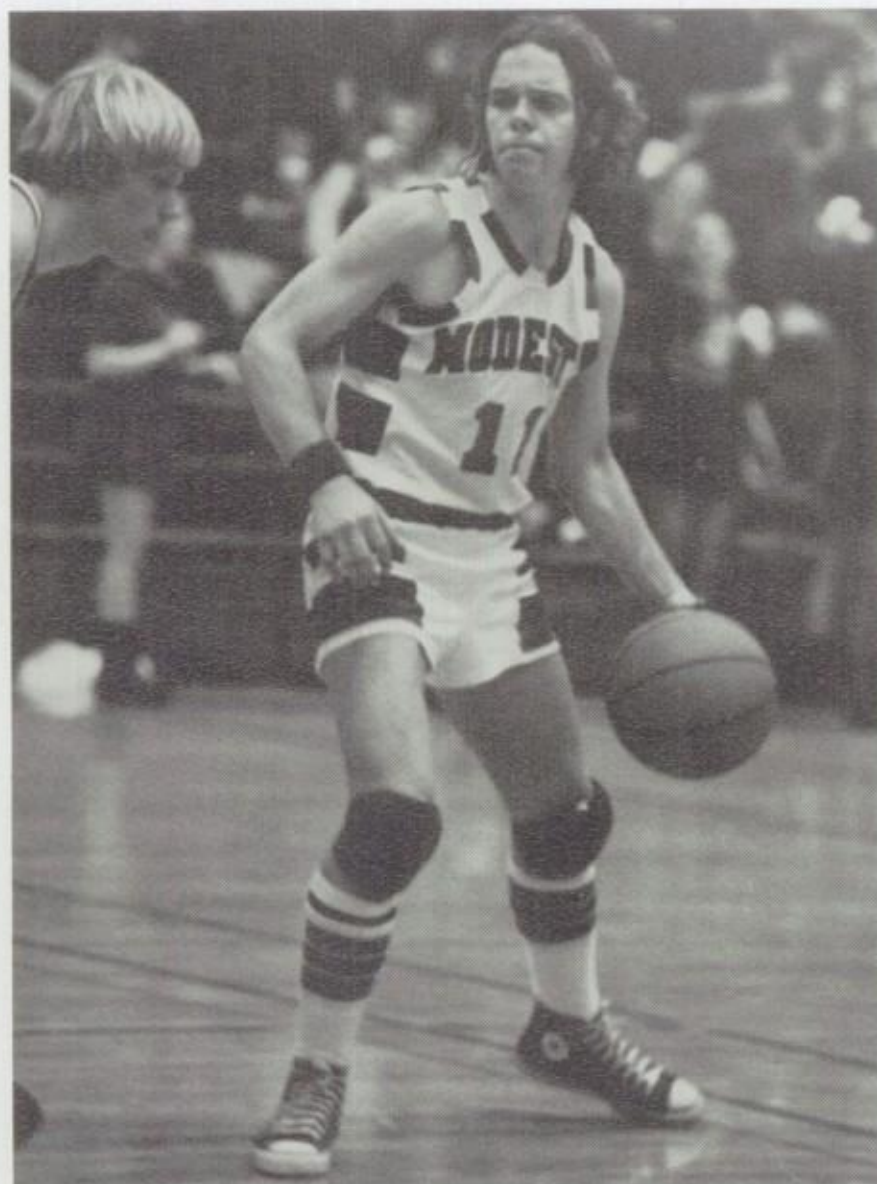
Coaching the soccer team for his fourth year, Herb Poddig continued the drive for another great season.



Above, Russel Miller traps his opponent into a confining position as he goes on to win the Davis Tournament. **Far Lower Right**, Francisco Sandoval shows his style as he "juggles" a soccerball on his knee. **Top Left**, Jose Bautista eludes his Turlock opponent on his way to a goal. **Soccer Team, Front Row**, Pete Lambros, Francisco Sandoval, Juan Ramirez, Mike Ascencio, Raymond Gutierrez. **Second Row**, Joe Mendoza, Miguel Franco, Danny Lau, Jose Bautista, Estevan Gil, Martin Ascencio, Raul Soto. **Third Row**, Pedro Gonzalez Jr., Louis Gutierrez, Tony Gomez, Alejandro Teves, Hector N. Vera, George Medina, Pascual Alverado. **Fourth Row**, Pedro Gonzalez; coach, Lucas Alberto, Alfonso Genel, Victor Rodriguez, Jesus Alberto, Octavio Fernandez. **Center**, Milton Bridges perfects a double chicken-wing on his opponent from Linden.



Below, Dicky Engelhardt watches for an open man under the basket. Right, Scott Clark drives in for a layup against Beyer. Lower Left, Bill Boer comes down court as he sets his sight on the basket. Lower Center, Silviano Suarez sets to leap for the tip off as Robert Lawson hopes to gain control. Lower Right, Leaping high above defenders, Robert Lawson shoots for two.





Above, Varsity Basketball Team, Kneeling, Manager Andre Bowle, Coach Bob Cole. Standing, Manager Dayle Crook, David Jepson, Bill Boer, Elmo Dunn, Steve Porcella, Silviano Suarez, Sherman House, Robert Lawson, Tommy Barksdale, John Castro, Dicky Engelhardt, Scott Clark, Manager Jeff Kuhn.

cagers battle through tough season

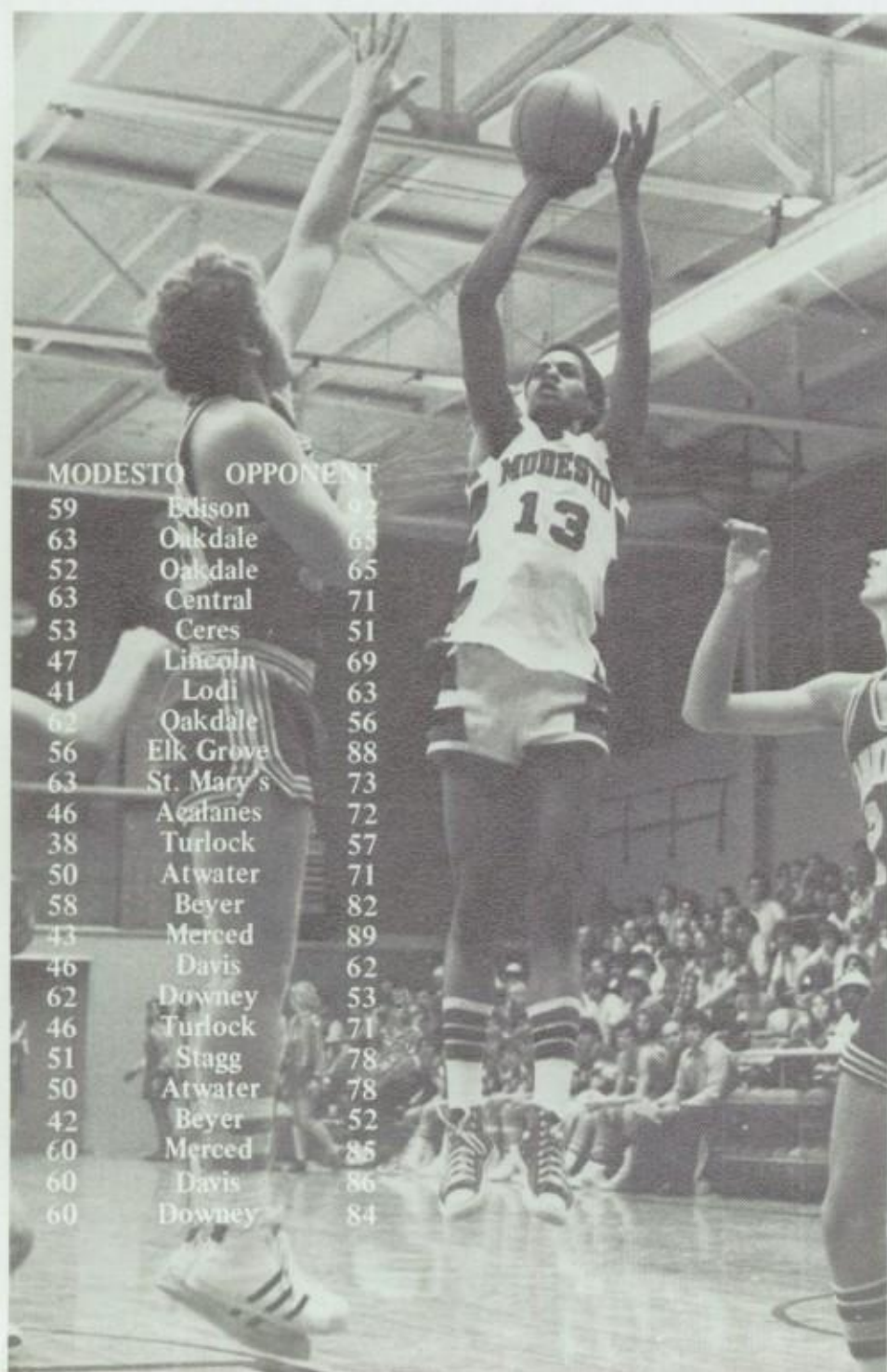
Struggling through a rough season, the Modesto High School Varsity Basketball Team compiled a very disappointing record of 2 wins and 24 losses. Undampered by this, they were still able to display our traditional MHS pride and spirit.

This year's starting line-up consisted of three seniors and three juniors, since there were only four seniors on the entire team. Displaying outstanding scoring ability, Silviano Suarez placed in the top 15 for the individual League scorers, averaging 11.7 points per game in League games and 11.5 points per game in overall action.

Working under the direction of first-year coach Bob Cole, the Panthers gave each other encouragement despite the losing season. Having such a young team brought promise for next year's team, leaving them with the experience needed to carry on the traditional unity, pride, and school spirit which has always been a part of Modesto High School.

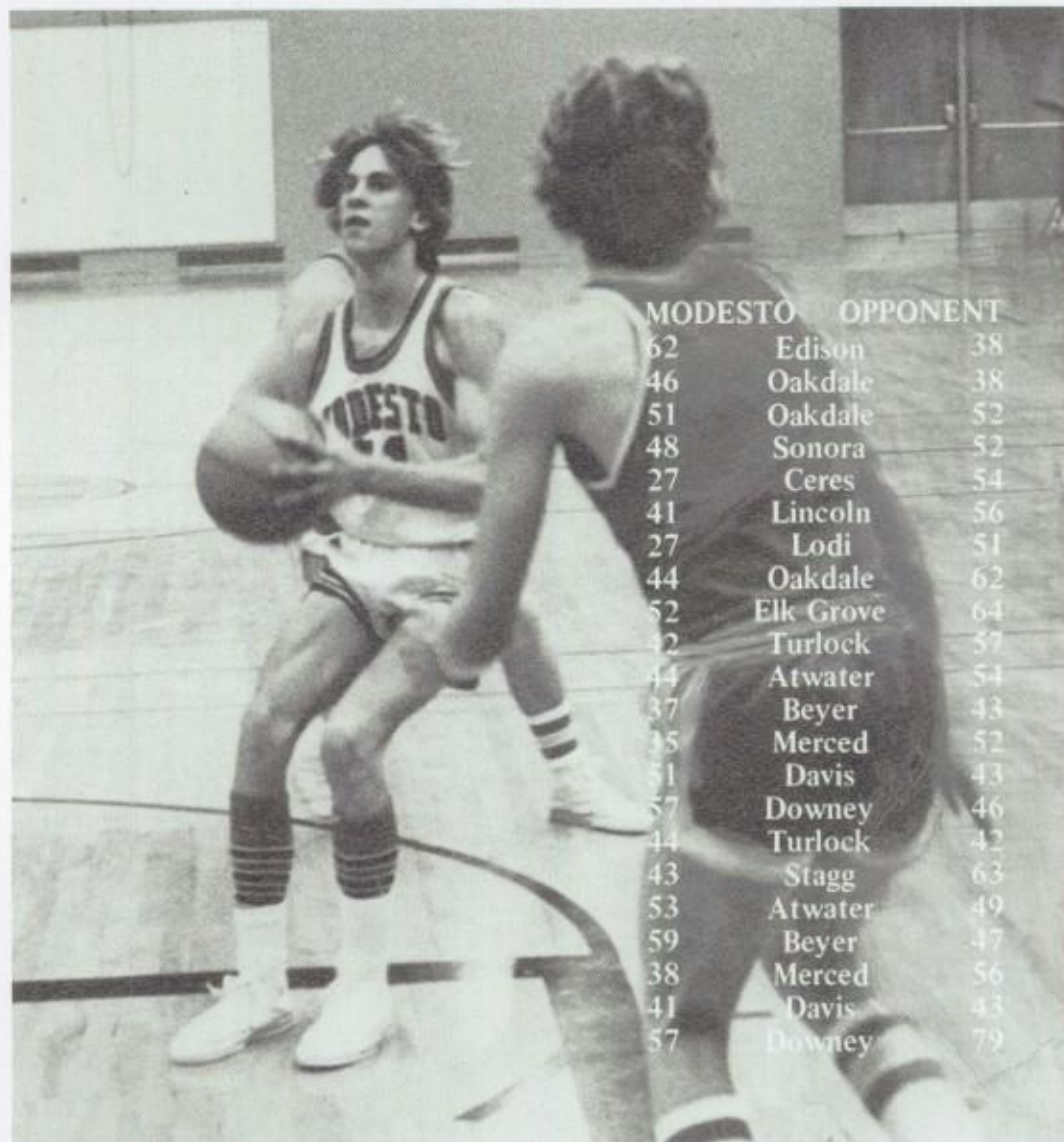
MODESTO OPPONENT

59	Edison	92
63	Oakdale	68
52	Oakdale	65
63	Central	71
53	Ceres	51
47	Lincoln	69
41	Lodi	63
62	Oakdale	56
56	Elk Grove	88
63	St. Mary's	73
46	Acalanes	72
38	Turlock	57
50	Atwater	71
58	Beyer	82
43	Merced	89
46	Davis	62
62	Downey	53
46	Turlock	71
51	Stagg	78
50	Atwater	78
42	Beyer	52
60	Merced	85
60	Davis	86
60	Downey	84



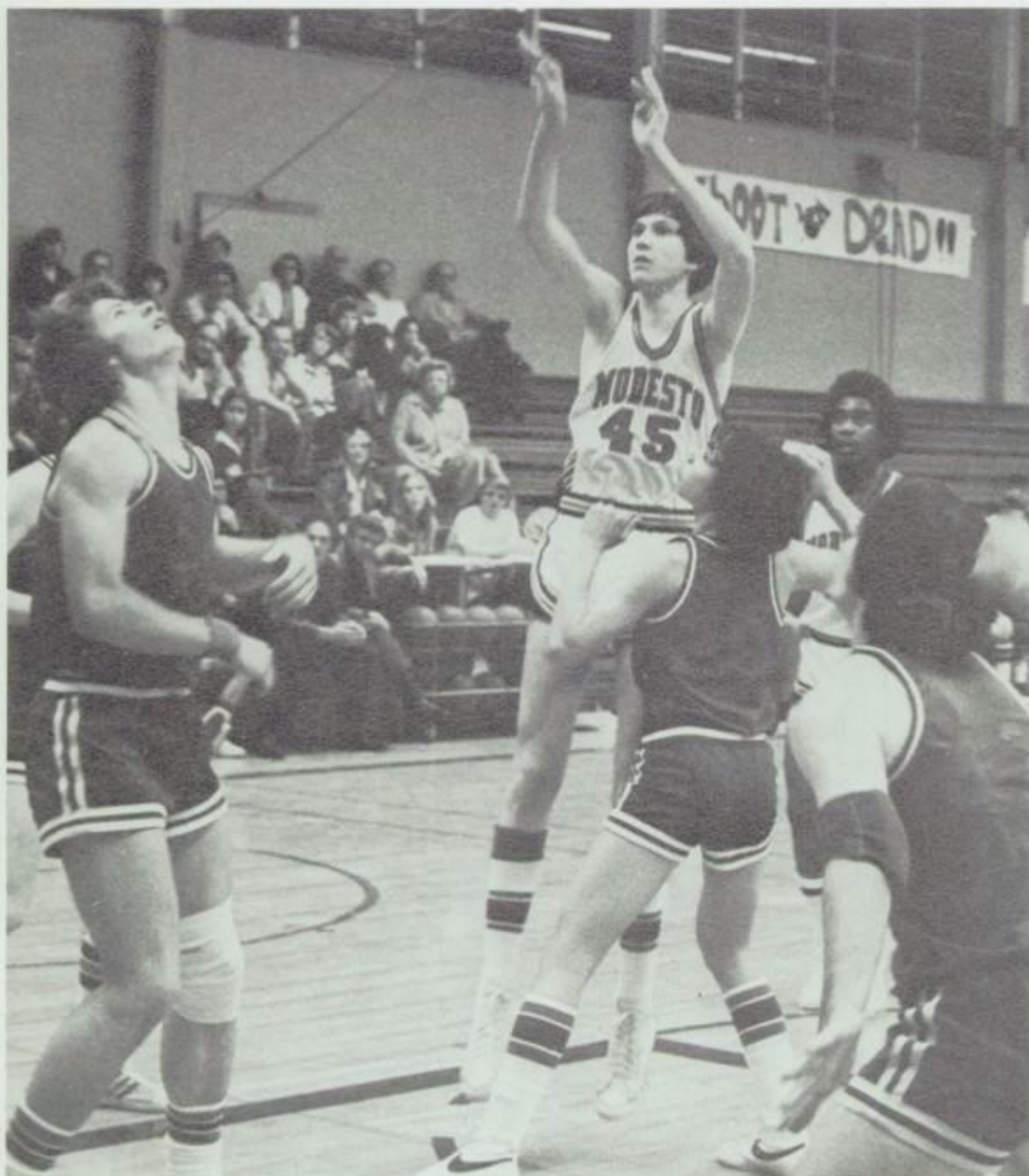


Above, Sophomore Basketball Team, Kneeling, Anthony Martinez, Billy McHale, Lamont Wilson, Javier Mendoza, Vince Pimintel. Standing, Manager David Victorino, John Laude, Eric Ferguson, Steve Rocha, Evan Campbell, Jeff Coldwell, Clay Armstrong, Manager Bob Sherburn. Upper Right, Leaping above his opponents, Steve Rocha shoots for two against Atwater. Right, Eric Ferguson prepares to shoot for a basket while being guarded by his opponent. Center Right, After racing down court with the ball, "Boonie" Armstrong attempts to make another two points. Far Right, Sophomore standout, Billy McHale, displays finesse as he dribbles past his opponent.



MODESTO	OPPONENT
62	Edison 38
46	Oakdale 38
51	Oakdale 52
48	Sonora 52
27	Ceres 54
41	Lincoln 56
27	Lodi 51
44	Oakdale 62
52	Elk Grove 64
42	Turlock 57
44	Atwater 54
37	Beyer 43
35	Merced 52
51	Davis 43
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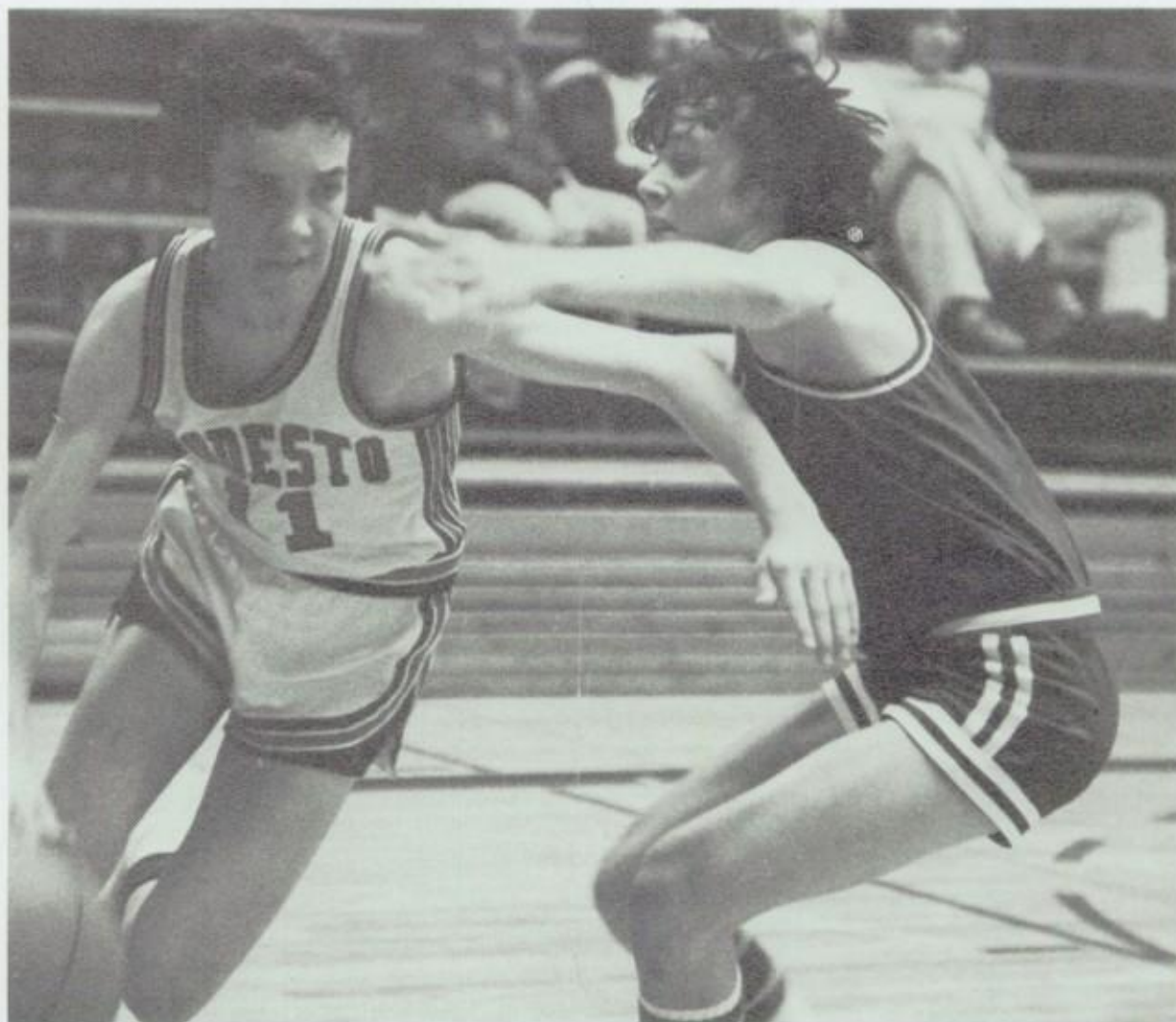


sophs develop talent for future

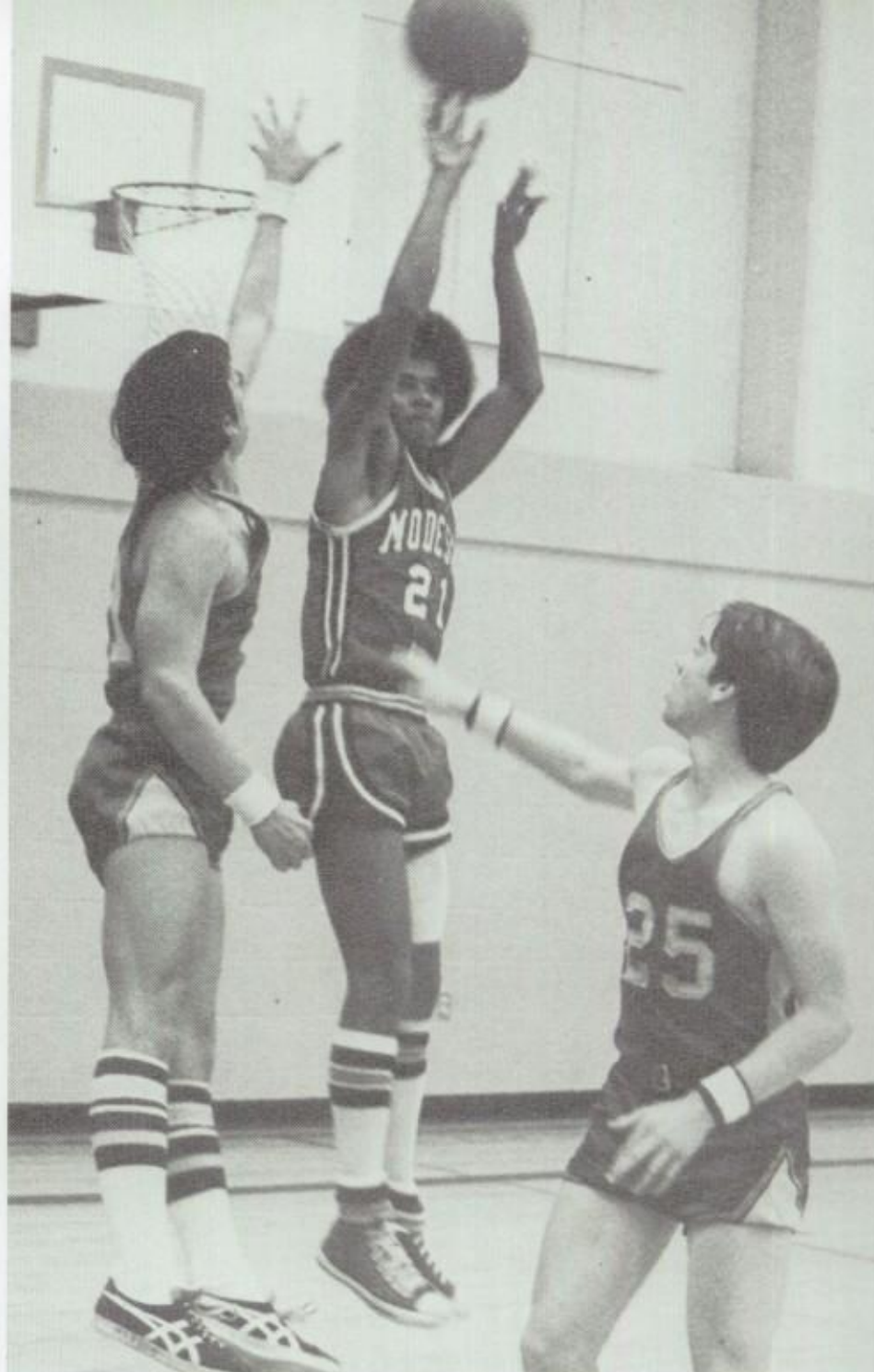
Beginning their season with tremendously impressive wins over Edison at 62-38 and Oakdale at 46-38, the sophomore kittens appeared to be CCC contenders. Championship hopes slowly dwindled when the team's record was scarred by a losing streak of 11 straight.

Even though the team record wasn't No. 1, they provided great enthusiasm and plenty of excitement-filled action on the courts. Achieving victory over cross town rival, and Conference champions, the Downey Squires, was the highlight of the season. Eric Ferguson was the highest scorer for that game with 17 points. Evan Campbell was the highest scorer for the entire year with a 9.1 game average, and assisting the team was Bill McHale with his 7.2 average.

The team continued its spirited efforts under the direction of Coach Paul Abby, ending the season by winning 5 out of the last 9 games. Not giving in to their early defeats brought out the pride of confident Modesto High School athletes in the traditional hope for victories to come.



Below, Mark Ferguson sprints down court against a Davis defender. Right, Tony Quinn goes up with a jump shot between two opponents. Far Lower Right, Adam Briseno goes up for an easy two after a fast break pass down court.



Right, Freshman B Basketball Team, Kneeling, Mike Peel, Robert Ulloa, Sam Aguirre, Gaylen Chatman, Arthur Fabela, Joe Schoonover. Standing, Robby Robbins, Will Albert, Bryan Marconett, Floyd Quigley, Jeff Woodbridge, Melvin Johnson, Dell Lopez.





Above, Freshman A Basketball Team, Kneeling, Kenny Faria, Mark Ferguson, Adam Briseno, Darrell DeBerry, Kevin Grimes, David Grays. Standing, Manager Bobby Breazeale, Manager Tom Ott, Mike Kashola, Rocky Vinnedge, Stacey Burkes, Danny May, Tony Quinn, Manager Frank Zumbach.

freshmen overcome inexperience

A diversified group of aspiring young basketball players entering Modesto High School from a variety of schools battled their way through the plague of inexperience to garner the laurels of a successful season.

The scoring responsibilities fell upon Tony Quinn and Adam Briseno both with averages of 17.6.

The challenge of besting opponents to the boards was ably undertaken by Stacy Burkes.

To supplement basketball pride, the Class of 79 had an exciting and spirited B team. With the two teams combined and the helpful coaching of Paul Abby, the freshmen offer a promising sophomore year for MHS athletics.



Right Tennis Team, Front Row, Steve Hull, Gary Baughman, John Gonsalves. Back Row, Dave Colby, Roger Allen, Brad Henson.

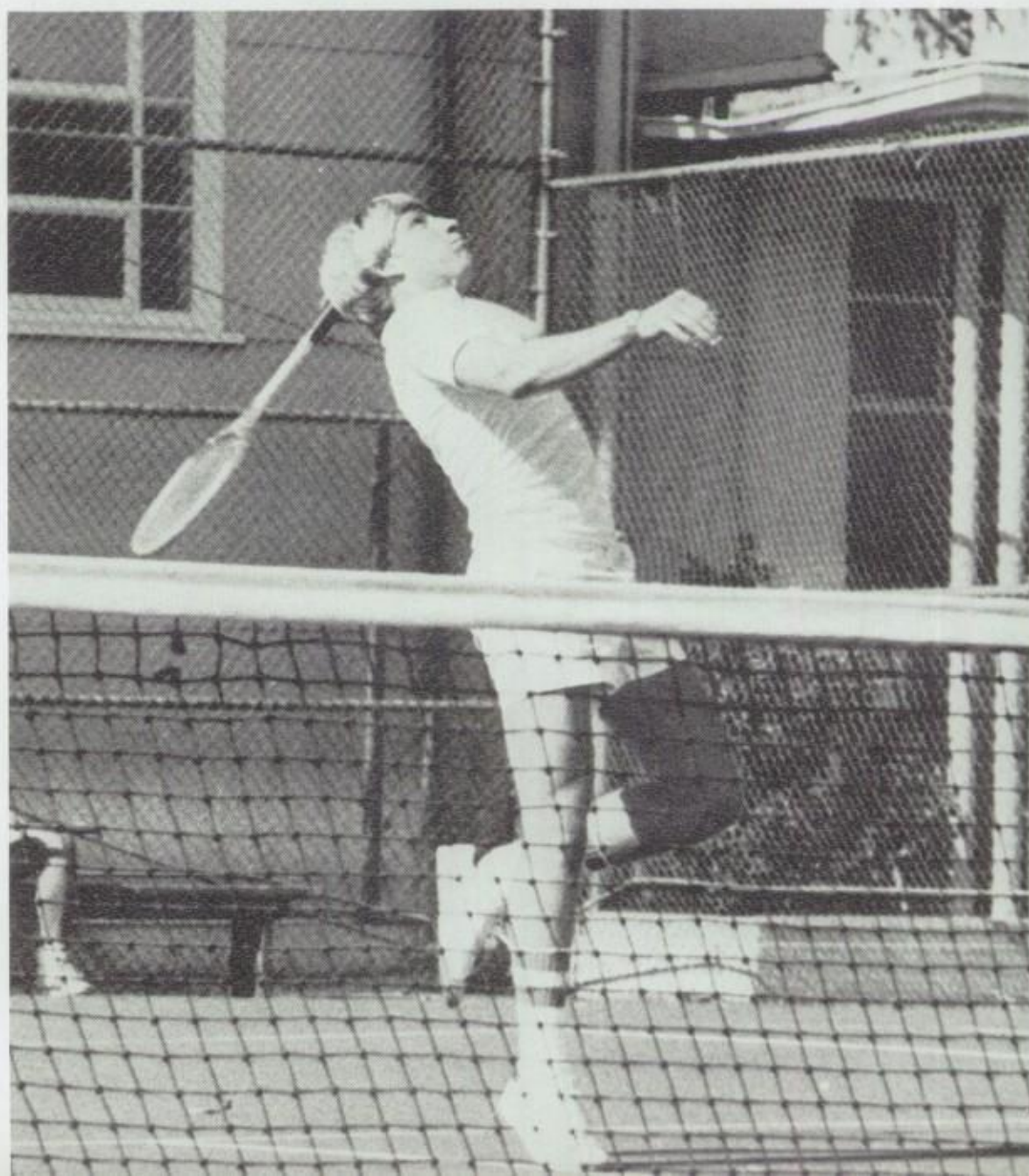
young team faces rough season

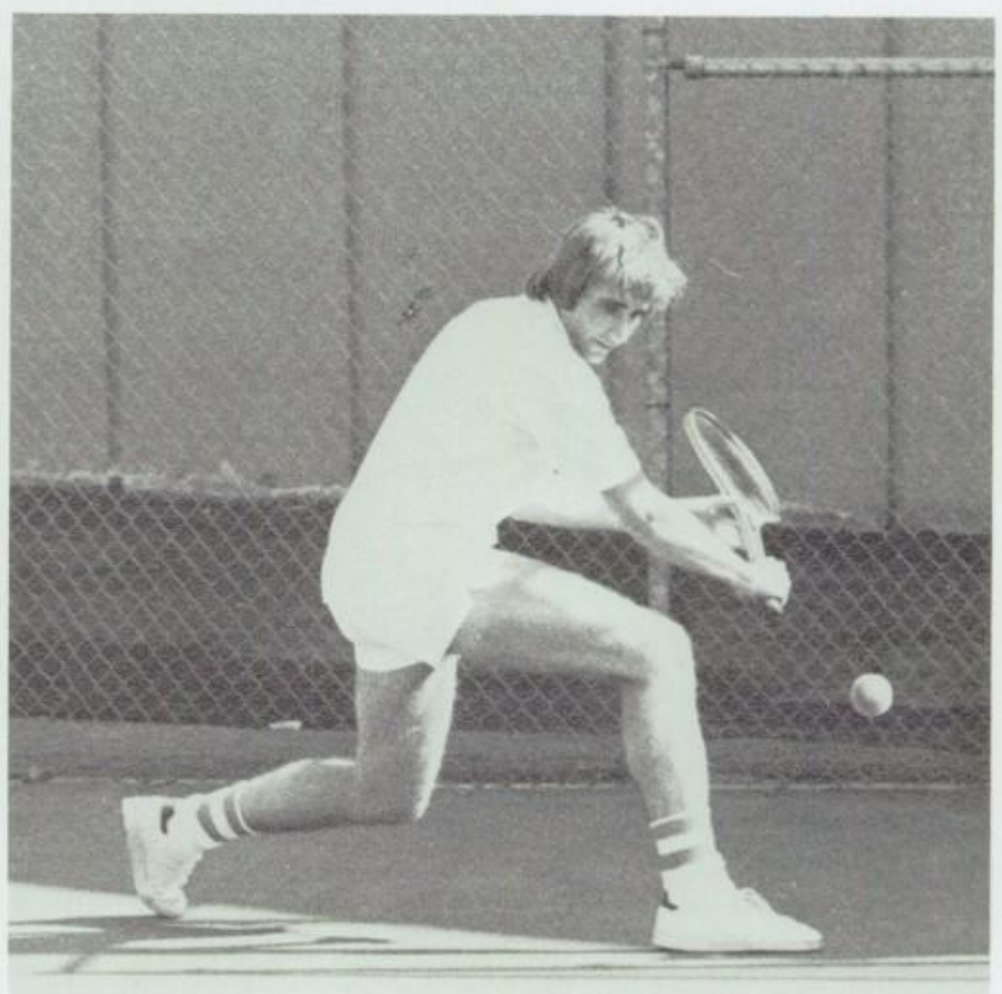
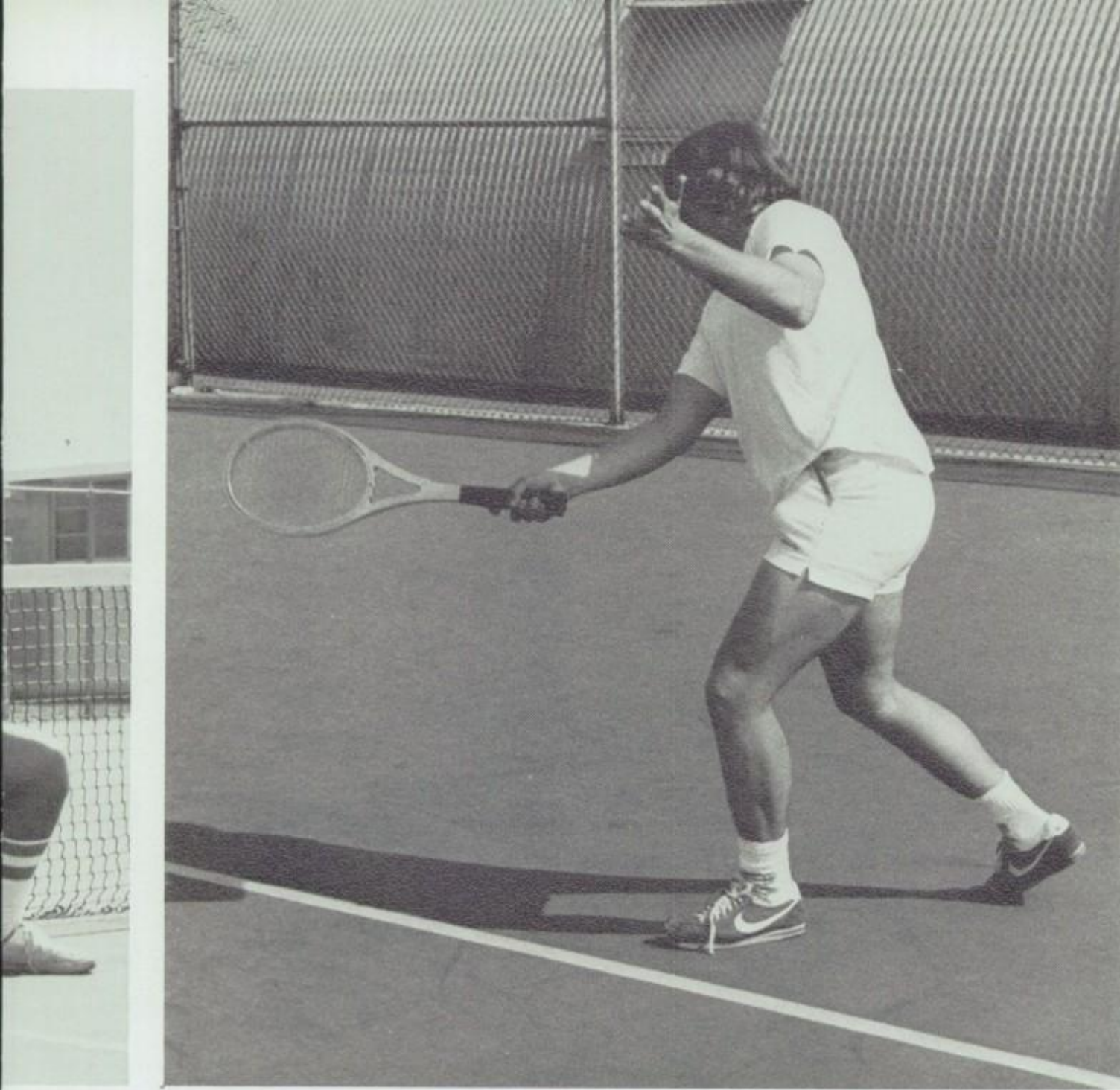
Beginning with the close of football season, the varsity tennis team devoted long hours of daily practice preparing for the spring matches. With only two returners from the previous year, Coach Dennis Clark faced the chore of recruiting new and interested players and rebuilding the team from scratch.

Heading the team was Brad Henson, backed by number two, Gary Baughman. Although both were juniors, they proved that they could hold their own against stiffer competition.

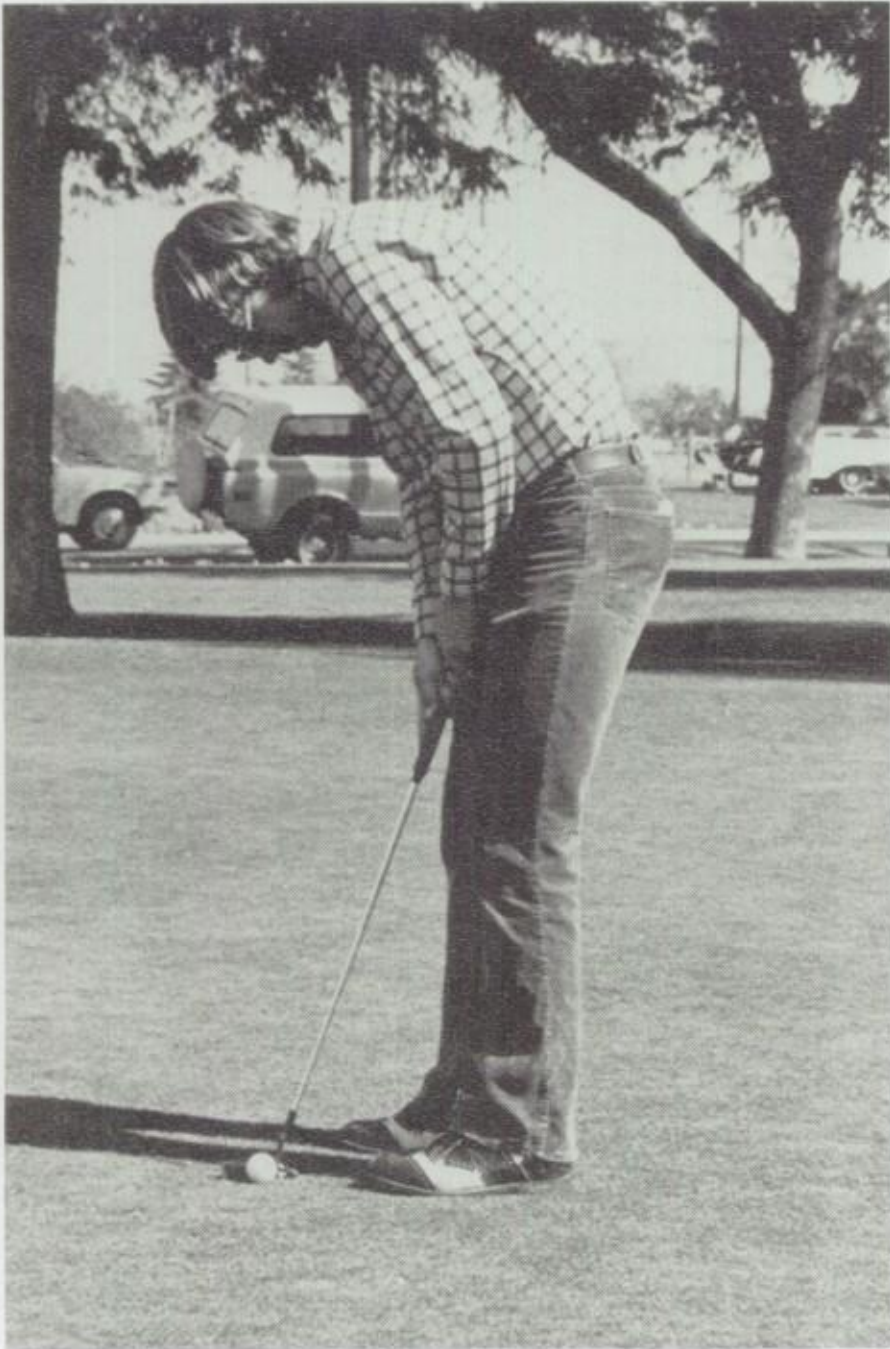
Powerful serves, precisely positioned returns, and the ability to react quickly were points stressed throughout the season. Although the team was a young one, carrying only two seniors, the abundance of underclassmen reassured the coach that MHS tennis would be in strong contention in the years to come.

Far Upper Right, Brad Henson displays the power of his forehand as he smashes the ball past his opponent. Right, Gary Baughman "winds up" for an overhead smash. Center Right, Starting his match, Dave Colby makes his first serve count. Far Lower Right, Steve Hull shows picture perfect form as he scores on a backhand down the line.



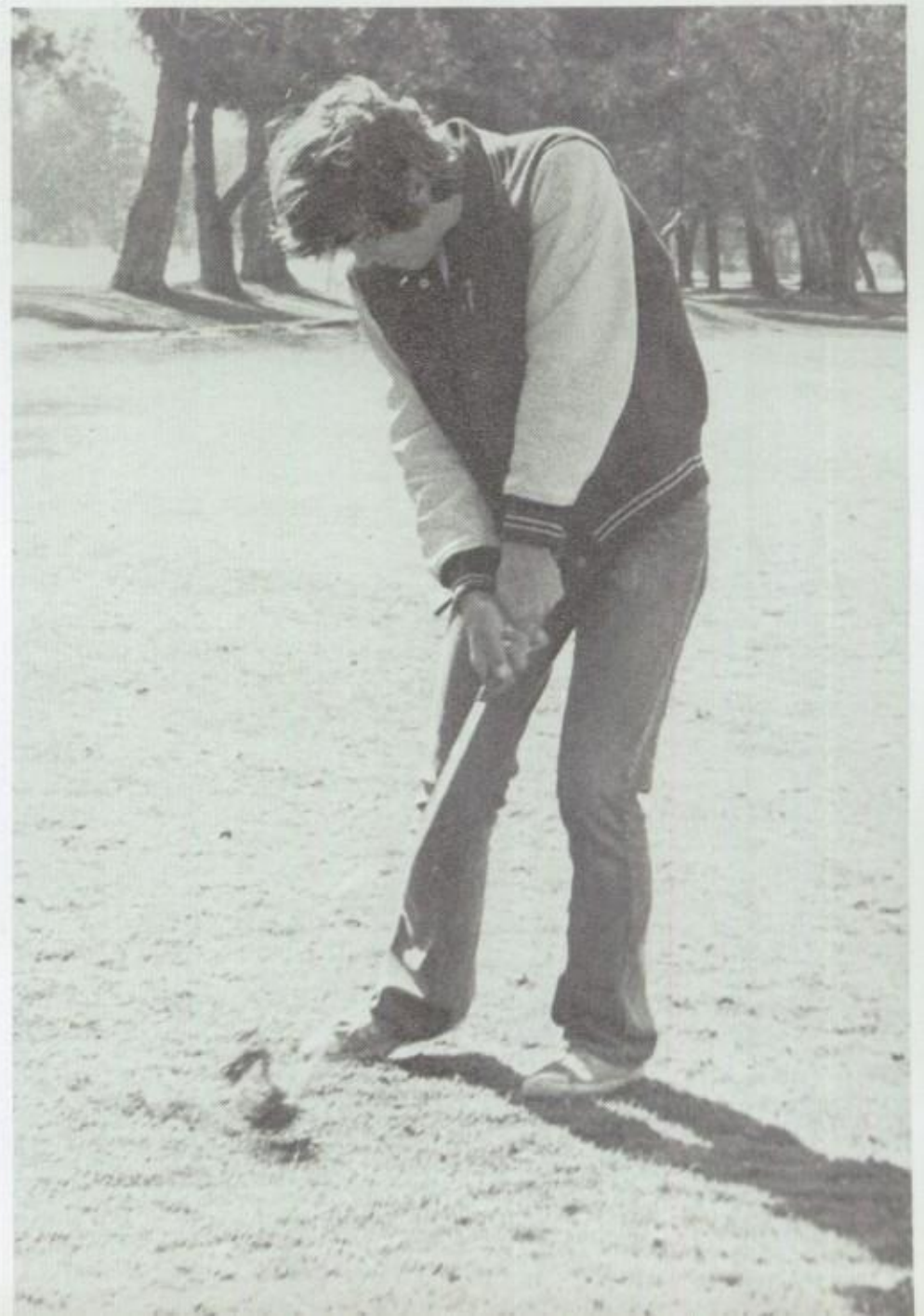


golfers swing into action



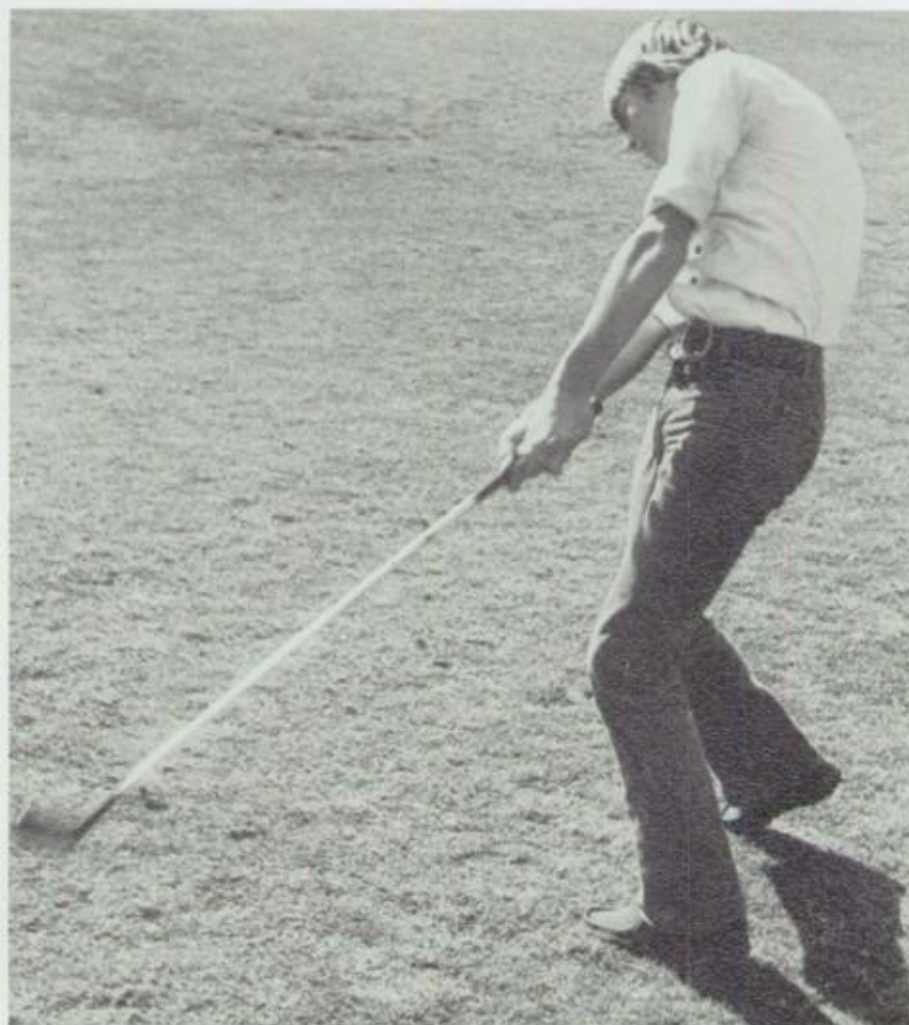
The Varsity Golf Team, ably led by confident three-year man Eddie Munn, putted their way to a string of victories, finally producing a winning team. Backing up Eddie Munn were two more ever-consistent young men, Chuck Kliewer and Steve Palleschi. Kliewer and Palleschi will be returning again next year along with many hopeful sophomores which should produce another great season in golf for MHS.

Consistently producing fine teams for Modesto High School, the Golf Team was once again coached by Mr. Herb Poddig. His time spent diligently working with his athletes to reach perfection was well rewarded and will always be remembered with great admiration and appreciation.

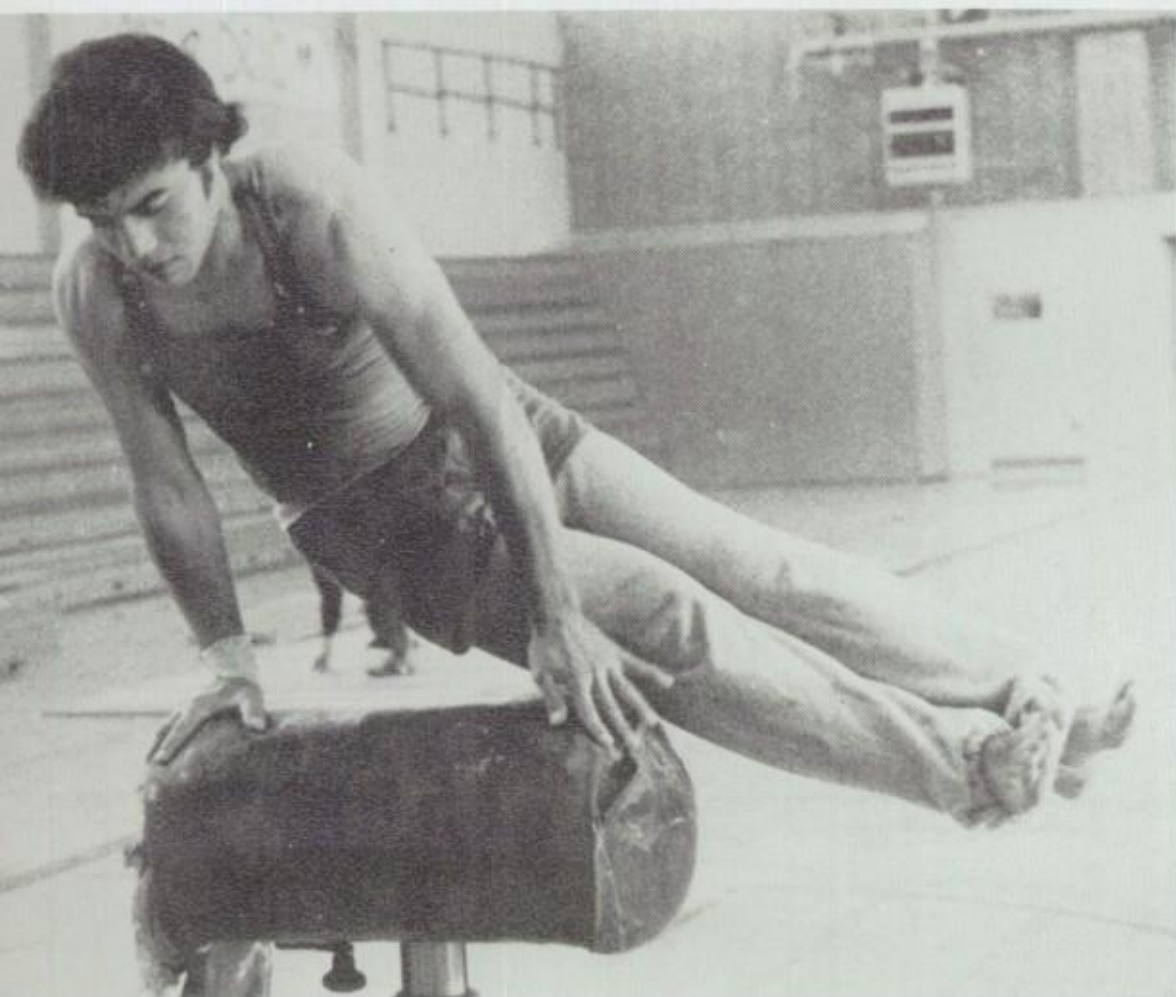




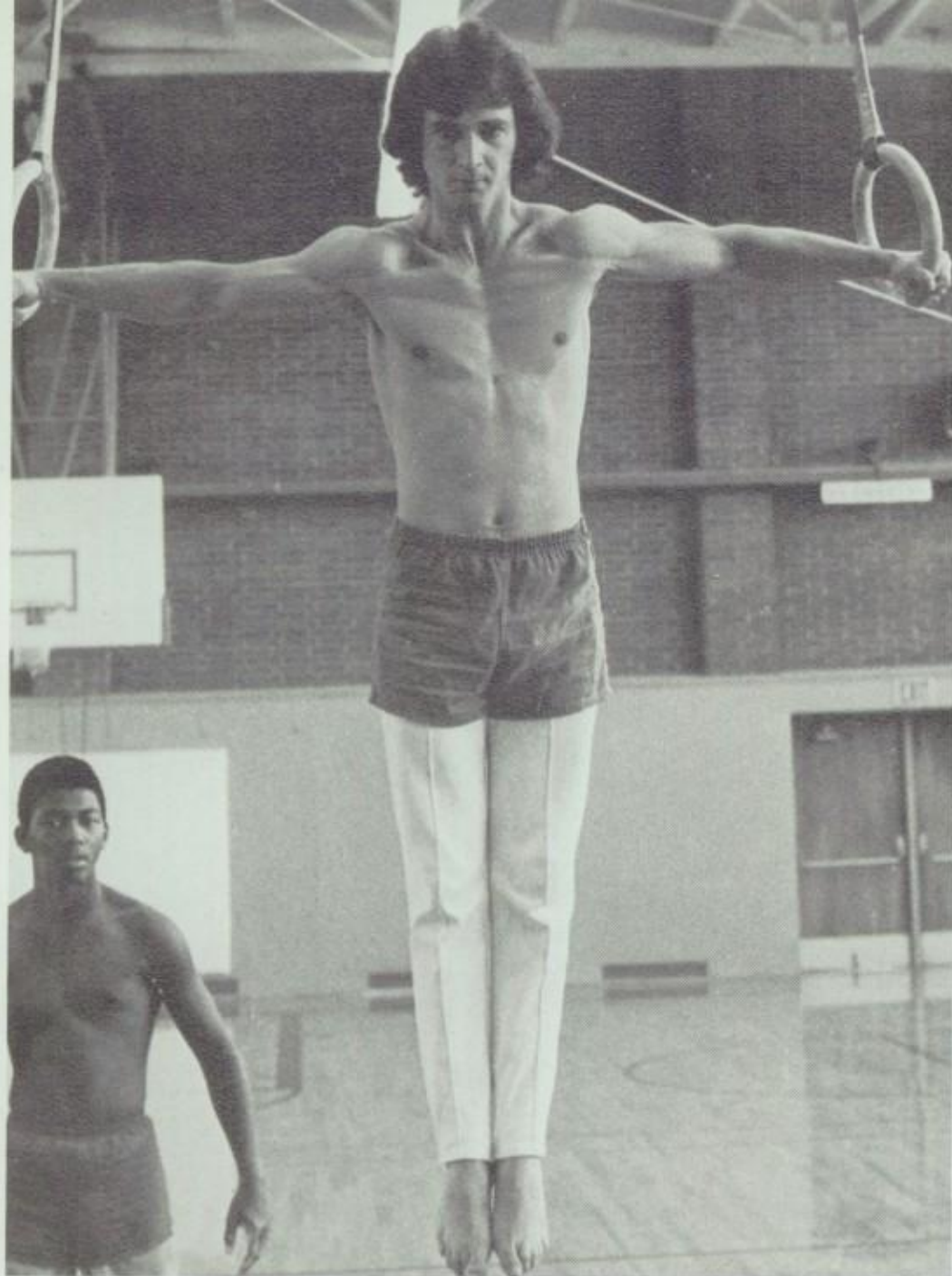
Left, Golf Team, Front Row, Charles Kleiwer, Mike Johnson, Mark Johnson, Steve Palleschi, David Victorino, Clarence Abid, Paul Rodrigues. **Back Row,** Danny May, Stacy Burkes, Mark Anderson, Eddie Munn, Robert Stack, Phillip Owens.



Above, Mark Anderson displays his picture-perfect swing. **Far Left,** Eddie Munn shows fine form in one-putting again. **Center Left,** Steve Palleschi chips onto the green for an easy putt. **Left,** Blasting out of the sandtrap in one of his rare appearances is Chuck Kleiwer.



Above Left, Boys Gymnastics Team, First Row, Mickey Catlett, Eddie Arzibal, Frank De Jesus, Denny Guevara, Tony Rosales, Charles Sperry, Brian McDaniels. Second Row, Rudy Espinoza, Raul Ortiz, Gary Humphrey, Steve Machado, Roger Denis, Francisco Linhares. Third Row, Coach Bill Yard, Russell Smith, Thomas Moore, Charles Rosales, Wes Humphrey, Rich Espinoza, Frank Borja, James Williams. Far Upper Right, Roger Denis perfects an iron cross on the rings. Above, Francisco Linhares practices his routine on the side horse. Right, Eddie Arzibal performs a pirouette on the parallel bars, a move which requires much skill and strength. Far Right, Warming up on the rings, Charles Rosales does a back lever.



gymnasts display physical ability and stamina

A world-wide sport long under-rated and sometimes overlooked in the United States has become popular in many high schools across the nation, with Modesto High School an outstanding example.

Displaying physical ability and stamina by the many strenuous hours of hard work, the MHS gymnasts utilized the parallel bars, high bar, vaulting horse, rings, side horse, and the tumbling exercises to develop strong and powerful bodies.

A casualty of the teacher slow-down situation, the Boys Gymnastics Team was unable to compete actively against other schools this year, but did participate in the Presidential Physical Fitness Program, ranking well.

A team composed of many underclassmen, they plan to keep working to build and strengthen their team for competition next year.



Below, Varsity Baseball Team, Front Row, Alvin Borja, Ski Angle, Scott Venturini, Scott Clark, Bill Ryan, Terry Cox, Bill Boer, Dennis Hubbard. Second Row, Chris Costin, Dale Gilbert, Doug Jackson, John Helmer, John Castro, Donald Storer, Brian Merenda, Dave Wallace.



baseball brings back victories for MHS

The progress of the varsity baseball team increased with each game they played. Opening the season with disappointing losses, scores quickly improved and the Panthers were on the winning track. Both hitting and pitching were strong points of the Panther game. Under the direction of veteran coach Bruce Emerson, MHS ballplayers provided stiff competition for their opponents.

Success lay behind the power-hitting of Don Storer, Bill Boer, and Terry Cox and the spectacular pitching of Bill Ryan and Scott Clark. The infield was sparked by the run-preventing defense of Ski Angle and Scott Venturini. Through the efforts of these athletes, ably supported by the entire team, the Panthers remained in contention.

The varsity baseball team was truly one of the year's athletic highlights. With most of the sports teams ending in defeat, baseball victories were a refreshing change to the Modest High atmosphere, proving once again the dedication and determination of the fine athletes at MHS.





Far Left, Chris Costin watches as his hit sails into left field. Left, Billy Ryan sets his sights working toward a no-hitter. Above, Scott Venturini makes the tag at third against a Beyer opponent. Top Left, Catcher Donald Storer makes a throw down to second base to stop a steal attempt. Top Right, Rounding first base, Scott Clark checks to see if he can go for two.



Above, Javier Mendoza sends the ball deep into left field to help the sophomore score. Above Right, Sophomore pitcher Steve Rocha fires another fast ball across the plate as Kelly Bizzini awaits the result. Far Right, Kevin Bizzini sets to become the second part of a double play.

Right, Freshman Baseball Team, Front Row, Leslie Turnbough, Brian Cooper, Ty Angle, Marty Brass, Mickey McCombs, Ernest Velasquez, Mike Hatter. Second Row, Chris Boday, Ron Jackson, Darrell Deberry, James Dorton, Ron McMannis, Kenny Faria, Mark Ferguson, Oscar Galvan. Third Row, George Travao, Ron Codell, Ron Ostorero, Rocky Vinnedge, Larry Mendoza, Jeff Woodbridge, Dan Guzzi.



Below, Sophomore Baseball Team, Front Row, Milton Bridges, Robert Martinez, Larry Christianson, Jeff Caldwell, Steve Rocha, Kevin Bizzini. Second Row, Bobby Chandler, John

Wilson, Alan Bertozzi, Kelly Bizzini, Mike Merinda, Bob Sherburn, Andy Cisneros, Javier Mendoza.



MHS proves top competitor on the diamond

With sophomore and freshman athletes in top shape for the final quarter of the year, second-year coaches Marty Boer and Pete Rocha scheduled hard workouts stressing the necessities of strong hitting and good infielding.

Their efforts proved to be rewarding. Boer's sophomore squad reflected his fine coaching ability by producing a record bettering his first year's showing. The secret behind this year's team was the consistent hitting of Kelly Bizzini and Bob Chandler and the pitching of second-year standout Jeff Caldwell.

Proving once again that "79 is lookin' fine," the freshman team compiled another impressive record. Under Coach Rocha, they showed their desire to play by hustling and demonstrating the spirit of Modesto High. Improving on last year's record, the freshmen will, undoubtedly, keep the light shining for years to come.

varsity and sophs startle conference with wins

Starting the season by winning a dual meet over Davis, this year's tracksters made an exciting awakening in the league. With the varsity team short on members, it became a year of individual achievement, especially in the long distance and field events. Distance events were again tamed by Lucas Alberto and Kevin Mize, the two seniors who have left their marks in both track and cross country. All-around athlete Silviano Suarez controlled field events. In both the shot put and discus, Suarez led or was among the highest in the league.

Sophomores also had a very rewarding year. Their large turnout enabled Coach Karl Finch to select top competitors in each event.

Track has always been one of those sports where practice and endless workouts are a must. This year was no exception to the rule as the athletes continually strove to obtain the high standards of athletic pride which has long been a part of MHS.



Above, Frosh-Soph Track Team, Front Row, Clifton Anderson, Joe Lopez, Robert Ulloa, Francisco Sandoval, Pete Alberto, Bill Lewis, Arthur Rosenberg, Lloyd Sangster. Second Row, Vince Pimentel, John Stover, Thomas Moore, Tony Quinn, Clay Armstrong, Ozzie

Lewis, Joe Schoonhover, Gary Wolf, David Espinoza. Third Row, Anthony Martinez, Mark Anderson, Brian Craig, John Laude, Mike Mendez, Brian Marconett, Will Alber, Floyd Quigley, Dennis Feliz, Tommy Payne, Victor Rodriguez, Alan Furr, Nathan Bettencourt, Brian Bell, Pascual Alvarado, Del Lopez.



Left, Varsity Track Team, Front Row, Mike Schonhoff, Lucas Alberto, Doug Ball, Richard Martinez, Jesus Alberto. Second Row, Dayle Crook, Bill Sheppard, Louie Merenda. Third Row, Richard Ostorero, Louie Armstrong, Tommy Barksdale, Silviano Suarez, Ruben Perez, Kevin Mize.



Upper Left, Clifton Anderson easily makes it over the bar in the pole vault competition. Left, Silviano Suarez puts his power behind the twelve-pound shot, an event in which he excels. Above, Showing fine hurdle form, Anthony Martinez and Arthur Rosenberg warm up before a race.



Above, Girls Track Team, Front Row, Donna Loux, Kelly Lau, Gloria Catzalco, Deidre Bradford, Sherri Villosa, Dee Ann Winfrey. Back Row, Oralee Perry, Robin Brown, Rhonda Crum, Virlinea Lee, Tanya Clark, Debra Ules, Diane Louis.

Right, Robin Brown and Oralee Perry compete against each other in the 100-yard dash as they test their speeds during warm-ups.

girls sports add track competition

Adding diversity to Girls Sports, for the first time Modesto High fielded a Girls Track Team. It was coached by Carolyn Booth and was reinforced by several girls who showed a strong desire to compete.

Sprints were headed by Rhonda Crum and Oralee Perry, who were also members of the 440 relay team. Distance events were run by Deanne Winfrey, Kelly Lau and Diane Louis, who also participated in the shot-put.

Girls Track is a wide-open field in which girls can easily excel if the determination is displayed. Ms. Booth hopes that more girls will become involved in track if for no other reason than to stay in shape.

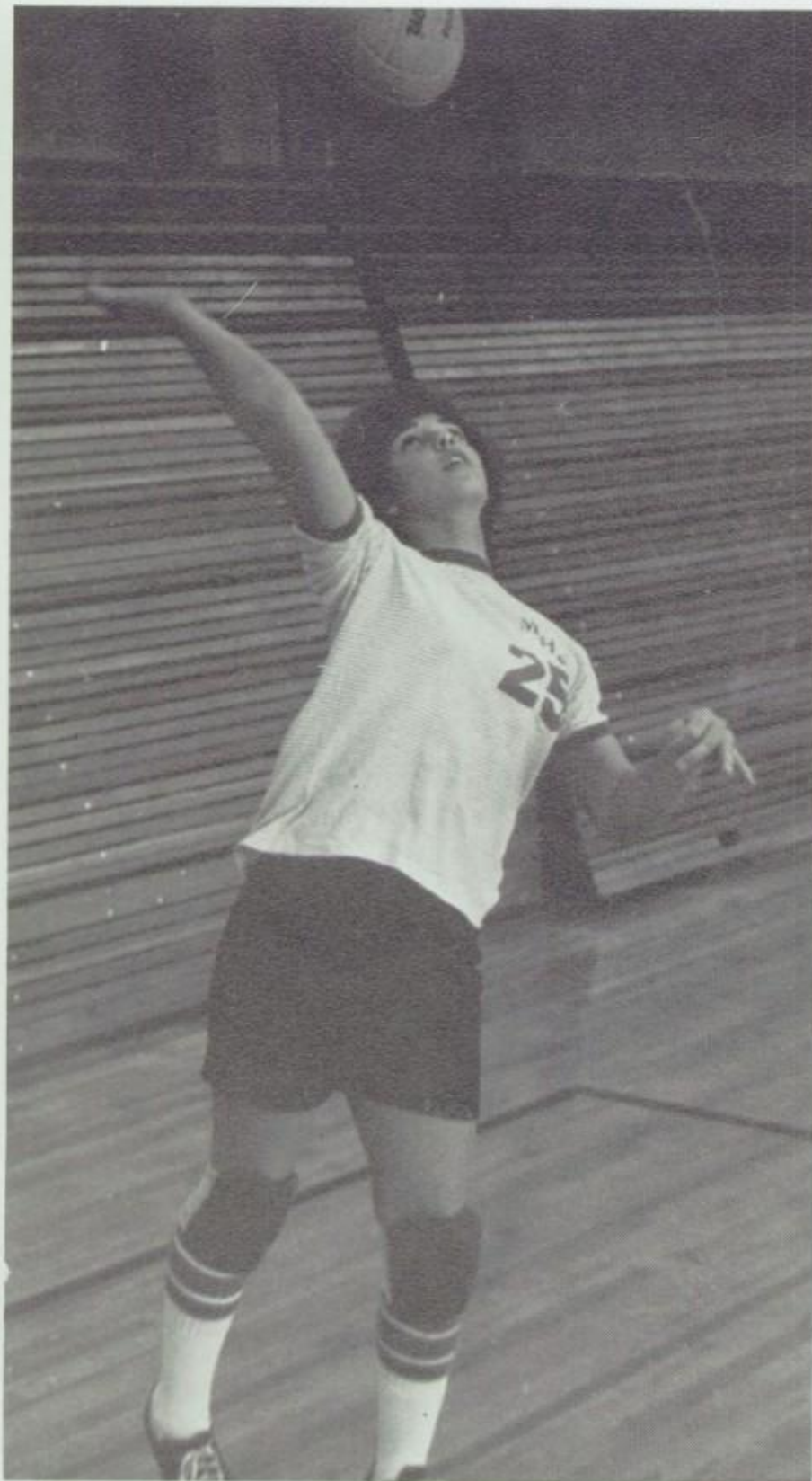


girls athletics gain equal OPPORTUNITIES

Conditioning muscles and strengthening the heart and mind through physical education is an objective for keeping healthy throughout one's entire life.

For many girls, physical education is a favorite class that provides a form of relief after spending most of the day cooped up in a classroom. Such classes include badminton, baseball, basketball, volleyball, swimming, dance, gymnastics, ice skating, roller skating, and tennis.

In years past girls were not expected to excel in sports, but today there are large numbers of girls achieving high honors in Physical Education. The girls' athletics program has improved dramatically over the past few years at Modesto High, offering young girls numerous new opportunities. Many girls have earned a Block M letter, while other girls are working strenuously to receive one. Achieving recognition in girls athletics has become an important activity for many girls at MHS, and the female athletic teams have earned good showing for their school.



Upper Left, Diane Louis "psychs out" her opponents with a powerful serve in volleyball. **Above**, Susie Campbell gracefully demonstrates a half-turn-wrap on the uneven bars in gymnastics. **Left**, Silvana Beasley brutally hits the softball as Becky Schubert "coaches" from the sidelines.

gymnasts perform with poise

Starting out in a very unpredictable year, the girls gymnastics team finished with exceptionally fine results.

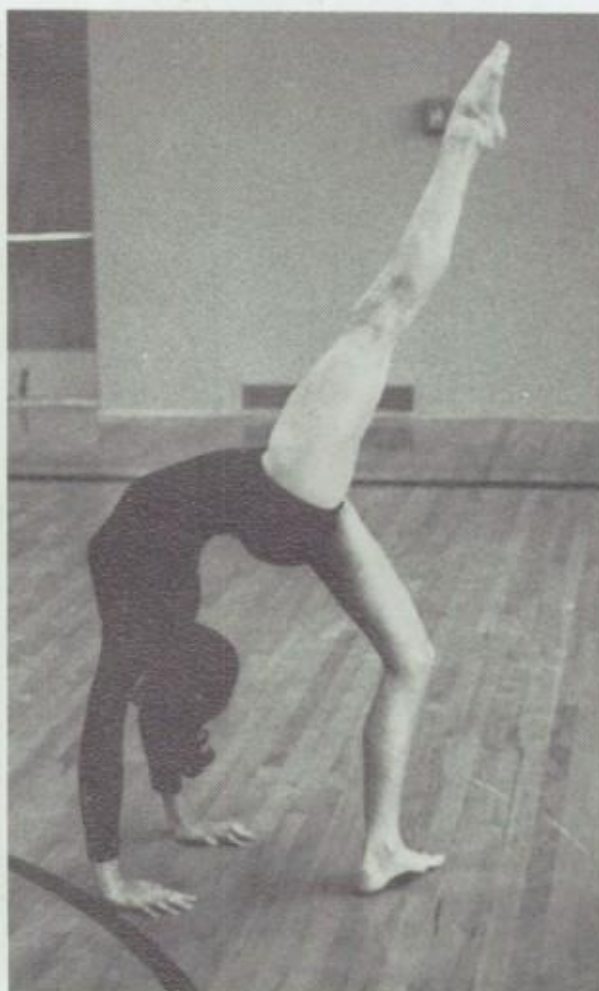
The Northern California Girls Gymnastics Program is divided into four major groups; Novice, Beginners, Intermediates, and Advanced. Beginning the season with compulsory meets, many girls went on to compete in the optional meets. Advancing from the Area meet which was held at Davis High School, to the Sections competition at Elk Grove were four MHS girls; Susie Campbell, Chris Fisher, Jaylene Tuggle, and Sandy Hart.

As a first-year coach, Miss Carolyn Booth was greatly honored to have three girls qualify for the State Elite Meet in San Rafael, Chris Fisher in the Beginner division, Jaylene Tuggle in the Intermediate-School, and Sandy Hart in the Intermediate-Open division.

"I hope the success of this year encourages many more girls to come out for the team next year," expresses Coach Booth. The gymnasts agreed that the many hours of practice and the discipline required by Coach Booth gave them the confidence needed to complete a successful year.

Below, Girls Gymnastics Team, First Row, Sandy Hart, Susie Campbell, Arvelia Grays, Maridith Curfman, Candy Rhoades, Sue Lasater, Chris Fisher, Fran Lemos. Second Row, Gail Baughman, Jaylene Tuggle, Joyce Robinson, Trina Russell, Suzanne Fisher, Mary Galhandro, Christina Martinez.





Upper Left, Suzanne Fisher works out on the unevens in preparation for the Conference meet. Top, The three girls who qualified for the state meet this year were Jaylene Tuggle, Chris Fisher, and Sandy Hart, shown here practicing their routines. Above, Arvelia Grays tries her hand at a flip-flop. Left, Fran Lemos warms up for vaulting by punching off the vault-board:

girls prove ability in competition

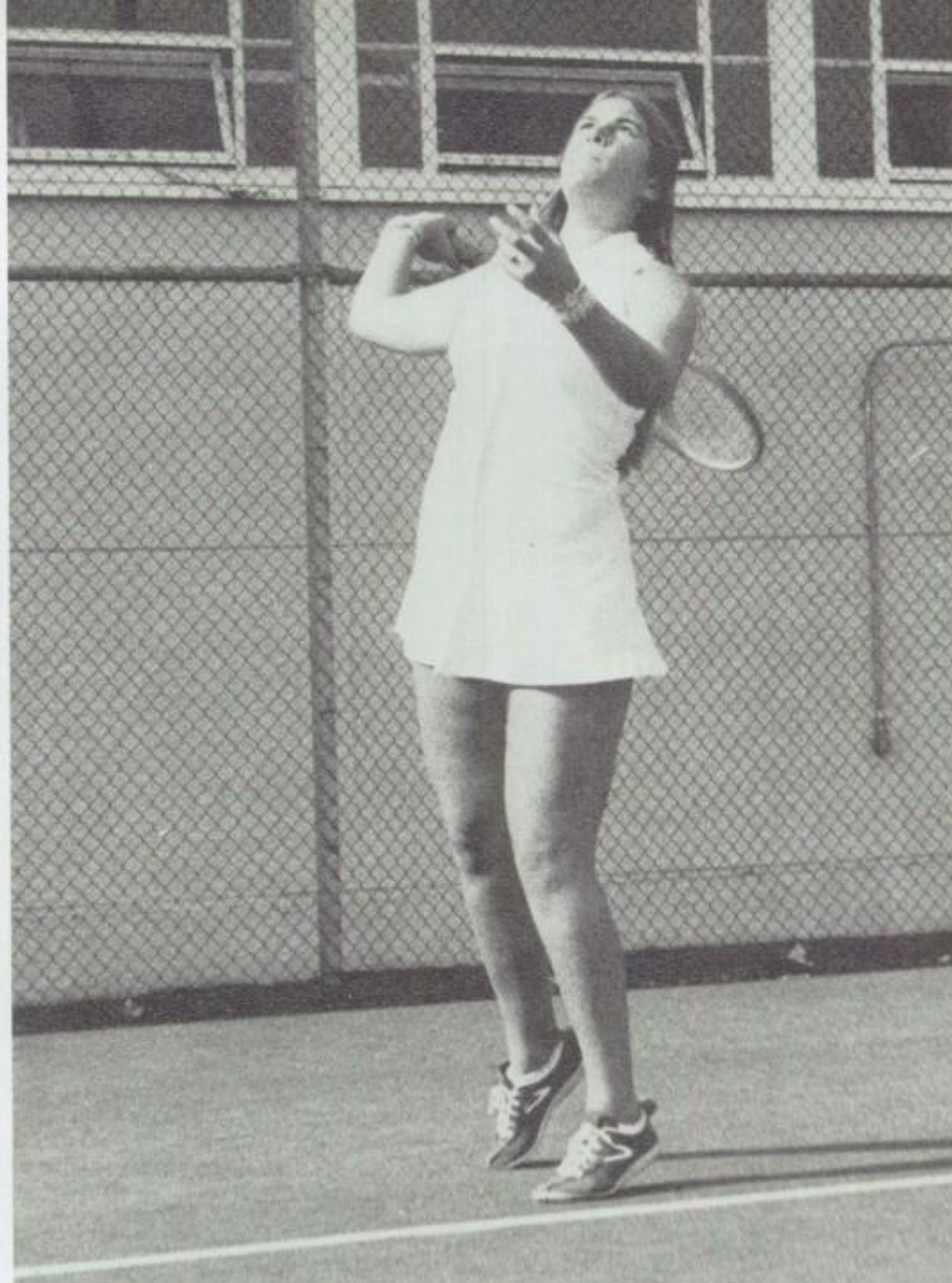
The Girls Tennis Team was as a very young group, consisting of only two returning players. The team was headed by number one seeded Eileen Lorenzo, proving to be tough for all of her competitors. Cherise Wend, number two seeded, guided the team in the right direction with her ability in achieving an undefeated season. "For a group just beginning, they stood up well against many teams and will have a good come-back in the following year" exclaimed Coach Killam.

The Girls Softball season began at the end of March and continued to the middle of May.

Janet Rocha, the only senior on the team, returned with experience from previous years. The girls were all strong in fielding, and also performed quite well in their hitting.

"The team gave all the other teams a go at it," stated Coach Wilson. "They may not have been number one, but they were right up there at the top!"

Below, Girls Tennis Team, First Row, Vernice Tanner, Janet Ashford, Tara Sisemore, Fernanda Dias, Sally Corgiat, Karen Tomlinson. Second Row, Pattie Barber, Julie Bentley, Eileen Lorenzo, Cherise Wend, Silvana Beasley, Gwen Haley.



Below, Girls Baseball Team, First Row, Kathy Fernandes, Betty Beasley, Silvana Beasley, Eileen Lorenzo, Cherise Wend, Nellie Porras. Second Row, Kim Criswell, Rosa Blanco, Jolene Kruid, Becky Schubert, Lori Cannon, Susie Hernandez, Ester Rodriguez, Blanca Romos. Third Row, Camera Bonsack, Janet Rocha, Gloria Gomez, Natalie Bates.



Upper Left, Undefeated in girls tennis, Cherise Wend watches the ball as she prepares to serve. Left, Silvana Beasley steps into the pitch to send a fly ball deep into center field. Above, Janet Rocha speeds a fast ball past the batter in a practice game.

devotion and unity achieve success

Continuing to expand on last year's beginning, girls sports at Modesto High School accomplished many objectives, but found much work still to be done.

Highlighting the season, MHS girls basketball team defeated city rivals Davis and Beyer. Combining devotion from team members and support from the coach, the girls worked together to achieve the unity which is essential for a good team.

The volleyball team suffered a rough season, but by also defeating city rivals, they too achieved much-needed continuous confidence.

Being composed of many young members, next year's basketball and volleyball teams should prove to be even more successful for the returning Modesto High girl athletes.

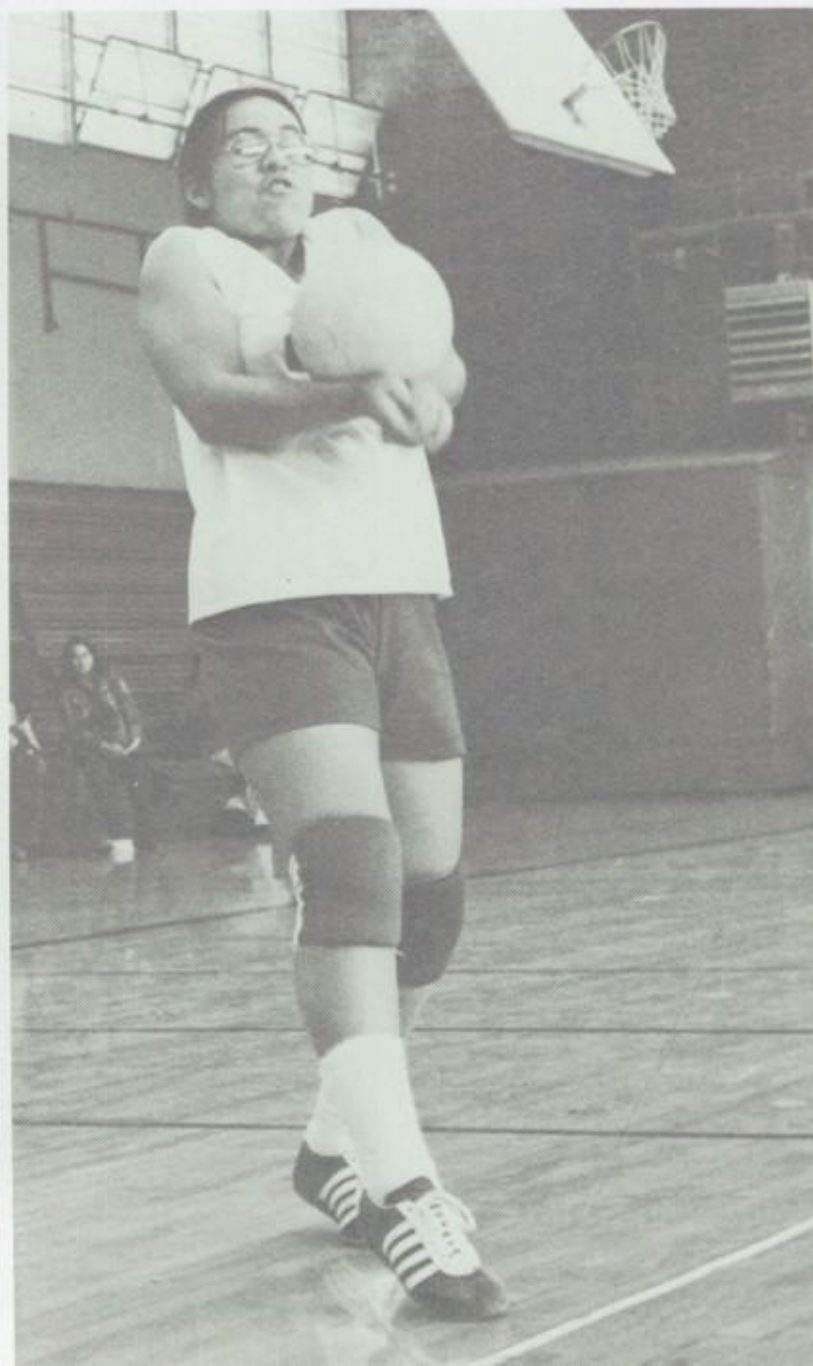


Volleyball, Front Row, Mrs. Wilson, S. Ulloa, L. Seal, N. Bates, C. Magana, S. Sather. Middle Row, E. Rodriguez, G. Gomez, G. Valles, D. Louis, S. Sanchez. Back Row, B. Ramos, K. Fernandes, S. O'Dell, R. Blanco, D. Lyles.

Top Left, Laura Seal goes to the line after a foul call. Above, Diane Louis brings the ball down court while Laura Seal and Mary Ann Henriques set up the offense. Far Right, Gloria Gomez returns a shot deep in the back court.

Basket ball, Front Row, Mrs. Henry, R. Brown, C. Magana, G. Gomez, L. Seal, N. Bates. Middle Row, S. Sather, M. Henriques, P. Magana, D. Louis, D. Lyles,

C. Mayfield. Back Row, A. Souza, T. Santos, K. Fernandes, R. Raya, L. Simar, L. Houser.





Organizations



'all men are created equal'



individual

Looking back over one's high school years brings the realization that the most important times were those spent being involved with others. Modesto High School offers a wide range of clubs and organizations which enable each student to find the opportunity to express himself in his own way. Meeting new friends, having new experiences, and feeling important by being a part of the various school activities were only a few advantages students found by their involvement.

The types of clubs offered varied widely and provided for a wide range of interests among students, from those who were career oriented to those who enjoyed the outdoors. MHS offered talented students many opportunities for self-expression through fine and performing arts. Numerous vocal and instrumental groups and drama classes spent much time perfecting their abilities and providing much-enjoyed entertainment for the rest of the student body.

Under the direction of Paul Tischer the drama department featured "Huckleberry Finn." MHS students in leading roles included Curtis Denham as Huck, Jeff Klink as Tom Sawyer, and Lamont Wilson as Jim. Two months of preparation by actors and stagecraft students were well spent, as attendance was very good at the January performances.



involvement offers rewarding experiences



Madrigals performed for many different civic groups, including a city council meeting. The Marching Band made a southland tour, performing in the Disneyland Bicentennial Parade, and in the Marching Band Competition in San Diego.

From FFA week activities in the courtyard to Youth Council visits to James Marshall School, students were involved in more than just the classroom. Concluding her long tenure as NFL advisor and speech/debate instructor, Mrs. Mary Ritter retired at the end of the year. Having taught at MHS for 25 years, "Ma" Ritter will be greatly missed and hard to replace.

The years spent in high school are very fulfilling and rewarding to those students who take advantage of the many extra-curricular opportunities available. Joining clubs and becoming a part of various activities has helped develop the interests and potential of many students as they become responsible and aware individuals.



Upper Left, Suzanne Fisher, Lyndall Campbell, Scott Ziegler, and Wendy Buchner play leading roles in the Drama Department's production of Huckleberry Finn. **Top Right**, Holly Skinner, Scott James, and Jeff Klink display their talent through a very expressive scene in Huckleberry Finn. **Far Left**, Stephen Copobianco and Kelly Bizzini try to impress female onlookers in the FFA sponsored hay bucking contest. **Center Left**, Mrs. Mary Ritter and Millie Stinett review notes for a speech in debate. **Above Left**, The crazy antics of Lamont Wilson and Curtis Denham enlivened the audiences as well as the cast in Huckleberry Finn. **Above**, Youth Council members relate to sixth grade students at James Marshall elementary school.

maintains orderly atmosphere

fall student council



Above, Steve Miller, Student Body President, adjourns the weekly student council meeting with his first attempt at a "Guatemalan joke" directed to Silvana Beasley. **Upper Left, First Row,** Dance Commissioner Annette Fierro, Rally Commissioners Joni Strohm and Gwen Haley. **Second Row,** Election Commissioners Leslie Lee and Tara Sisemore, and Publicity Commissioner Liz Uribe. **Upper Right,** Andrea Menghetti and Liz Uribe check out the student body president during a student council meeting. **Far Right,** Mr. Dave Laude, Director of Student Activities; Steve Miller, President; Mike Boyd, Vice President; Silvana Beasley, Secretary; Margaret Haw, Treasurer; Anibal Beasley, business Manager; Andrea Menghetti, Senior Representative; Eileen Lorenzo, Junior Representative; Julie Carlisle, Sophomore Representative; Lori Santos, Freshman Representative. **Right,** Mr. Laude shows his usual grim expression while reviewing the Student Body budget.



despite difficulty

Working with spirit leaders to promote enthusiasm, planning murals, planting flowers in the courtyard fountain, and maintaining an active extracurricular program in spite of a financial crisis were major accomplishments of the Fall Student Council.

A hardworking group, sensitive to the needs of MHS students, they met every Wednesday during 5th period in the Student Body office. President Steve Miller, together with advisor Mr. Laude and other Student Council members, maintained an orderly atmosphere on the activity filled Modesto High School campus. They discussed and voted on such major issues as whether to permit a smoking area on campus, the senior coupon debate, and whether to require upperclassmen to take PE.

Steve Miller was elected Vice Chairman of the Inter-High council and took a very active part in representing student opinions from Modesto High School. The council was established to coordinate activities among the five Modesto high schools and give them an opportunity to express student opinions to the Modesto City Schools Board of Education.

In spite of a difficult financial situation, Student Council helped keep school events functioning adequately and participated more directly in spirit-related activities.



Spring student council tends to business

The drive and energy of enthusiastic student president, Mike Ibarra, brought inspiration to the Spring Student Council and the entire student body. Catching his enthusiasm, the Student Council helped bring about many important changes on campus.

They designed a new student body stationery to be used for recording the minutes of each meeting so that students could identify with Student Council and have a greater awareness of what kinds of activities are occurring. They organized an MHS Presidents Association, presided over by the Student Body President, to provide for the regulation of all clubs on campus and to unite club activities with the Student Council. The president of each club attended the monthly meetings, which helped promote inter-club activities.

The Student Senate increased its involvement in community services to help bring MHS into the community and increase the students' awareness of what is happening around them.

With more time in which to operate, Spring Student Council had the ability and enthusiasm to accomplish even more. Limited by a very tight budget, they mainly tried to strengthen and unify the activities on campus and the influence of Student Council on the student body.





Far left, The Spring Commissioners, Eddie Munn, David Colby, Joyce Robinson, Silvana Beasley, Cindy Rush, and Diane Brewer. Left, Anibal Beasley checks his schedule after a Student Council Meeting. Below, Mike Ibarra discusses future plans for the semester with Diane Brewer. Far Lower Left, Cindy Rush, Anita Menghetti, and Jan Brink listen to Mr. Laude and Mike Ibarra present plans for the new stationery.



Left, Spring Student Council, Mike Ibarra, President; Dave Laude, advisor; Anibal Beasley, Vice President; Sandy Sanchez, Sophomore Representative; Ceci Cardenas, Treasurer; Joni Strohm, Senior Representative; Sandy Hart, Secretary; Anita Menghetti, Freshman Representative; Tara Sisemore, Junior Representative.

helping others is the main idea

Youth Council members visit elementary and junior high schools in an effort to give these students an opportunity to ask questions about what to expect in junior high and high school. At the high school level, Youth Council offers open rap sessions on family problems, drugs, and moral values to students who may feel there is no other place to turn.

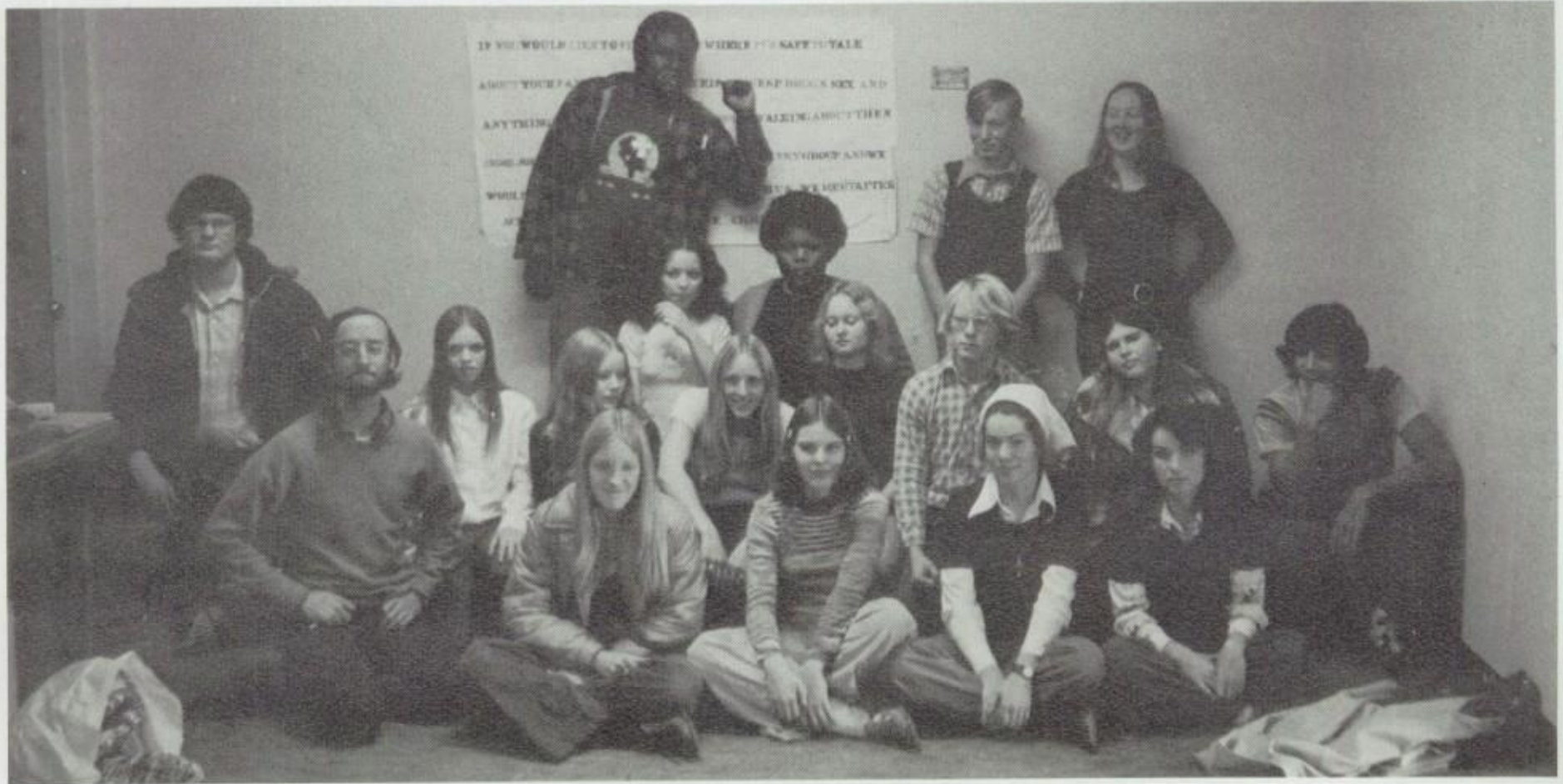
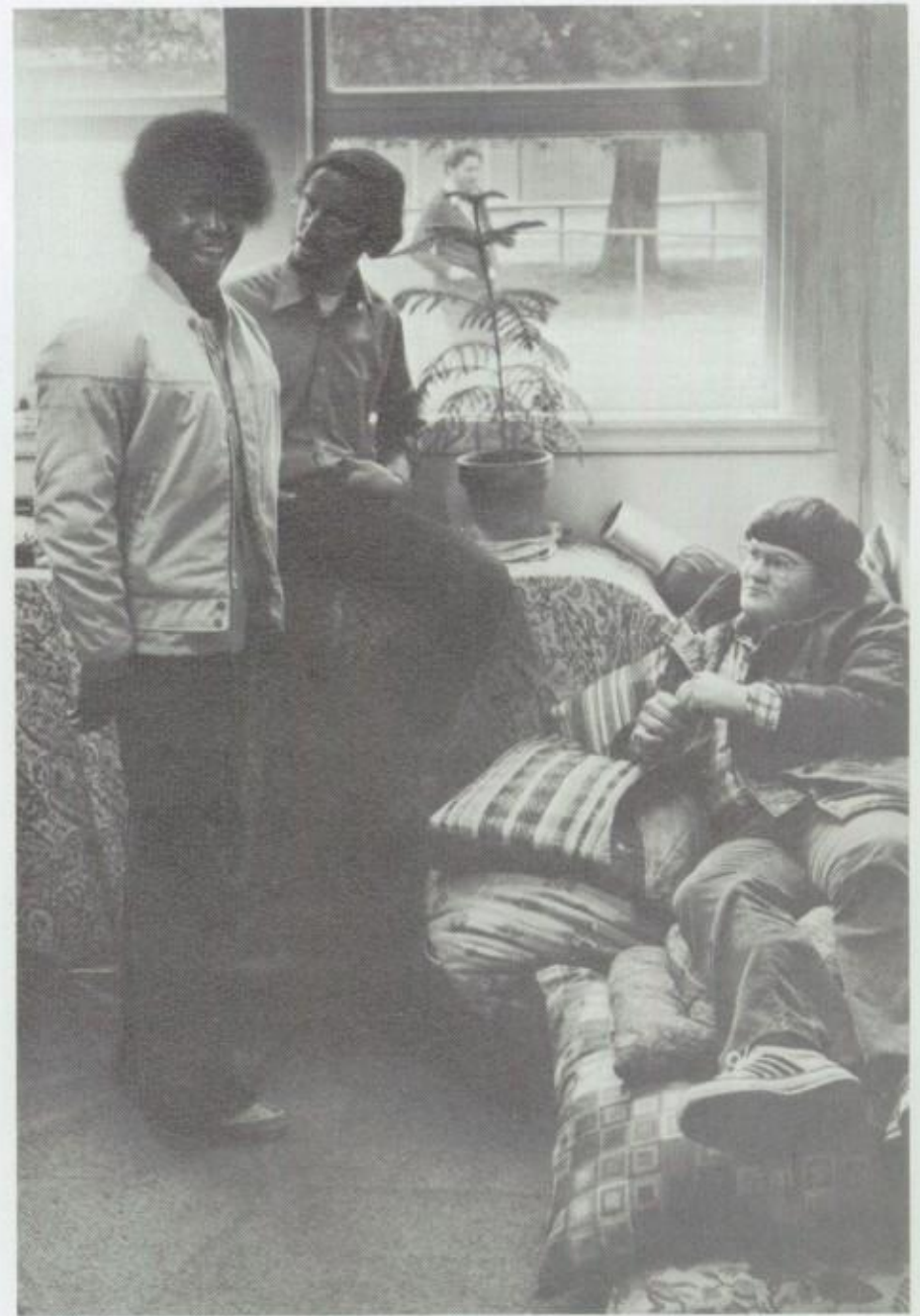
The basic belief of Youth Council members is that each person has the ability to cope with any situation in which he finds himself. To be functional requires only care and self-confidence. They seek not to show themselves as better than younger students, but as older, wiser people who have experienced similar problems and found satisfactory solutions, thus helping to eliminate fears created by junior high and high school.

Youth Council members try to show others by example that remaining in any behavior which is harmful to them is unnecessary, that there are many better options, and all that is needed is to choose and act.

Stan Cunningham sees his job as a mediator in the same light—giving people power to communicate and showing them care by believing in them, supporting them, and helping them discover the endless range of possibilities inherent in life.

A newly organized group at MHS was the International Club. Replacing AFS, it was formed for students of different cultures and backgrounds. Its purpose is to provide our foreign students, this year Megan Webster from South Africa, Cynthia Rodriguez from the Phillipines and several Vietnamese students, with related school necessities such as yearbooks, class rings, student body cards and other materials. Members tried to make foreign students feel at home and help them learn more about our country.

Club activities are based mainly on sharing different cultures through slides, discussions, parties and international dinners.



Above, YOUTH COUNCIL: First Row, Advisor Stan Cunningham, Kara Bentson, Connie Mayfield, Holler Skinner, Tammy Santos. Second Row, David Rachels, Chantay Pemberton, Kim Skaggs, Trina Poulos, Donna House, Billy Shorter, Crystal Paugh, Raul Ortiz. Third Row, Tommy Thomas, Tina Layton, Andrea Franklin, David Sanson.

Below, **INTERNATIONAL CLUB:** First Row, Lois Hunicutt, Steve Howell, Bill Kirby, Thanh Nhu Kirby, Kim Thai, Concepsion Balderas. Second Row, Joni Strohm, Andrea Menghetti, Leslie Lee, Margaret Haw, Rose Presto, Danny Lau, Janet Fields, Rhonda Carson, Lang Nguyen. Third Row, Liz Uribe, Steve Miller, Anibal Beasley, Thi Nhu Ngoc Kirby, Michael Boyd, Kelly Lau, Megan Webster, Cindy Rush, Susie Lasater, Diane Brewer, Jose Aguilar, Chris Nelson, advisor Denise Walser.



Far Upper Left, Stan, the ombudsman, helps create a friendly atmosphere on campus; here he shares a few minutes' conversation with Gene Wilson as David Rachels listens in. Left, Foreign Exchange student Megan Webster flashes her friendly smile during lunchtime conversation in the courtyard. Above, Miss Denise Walser and Leslie Lee try to select the most delectable dishes at an international meal.

students explore occupational futures

Begun three years ago as an attempt to bring local business representatives into direct contact with students, the Career Club has proved worthwhile in helping students find out more about the opportunities and requirements related to different jobs.

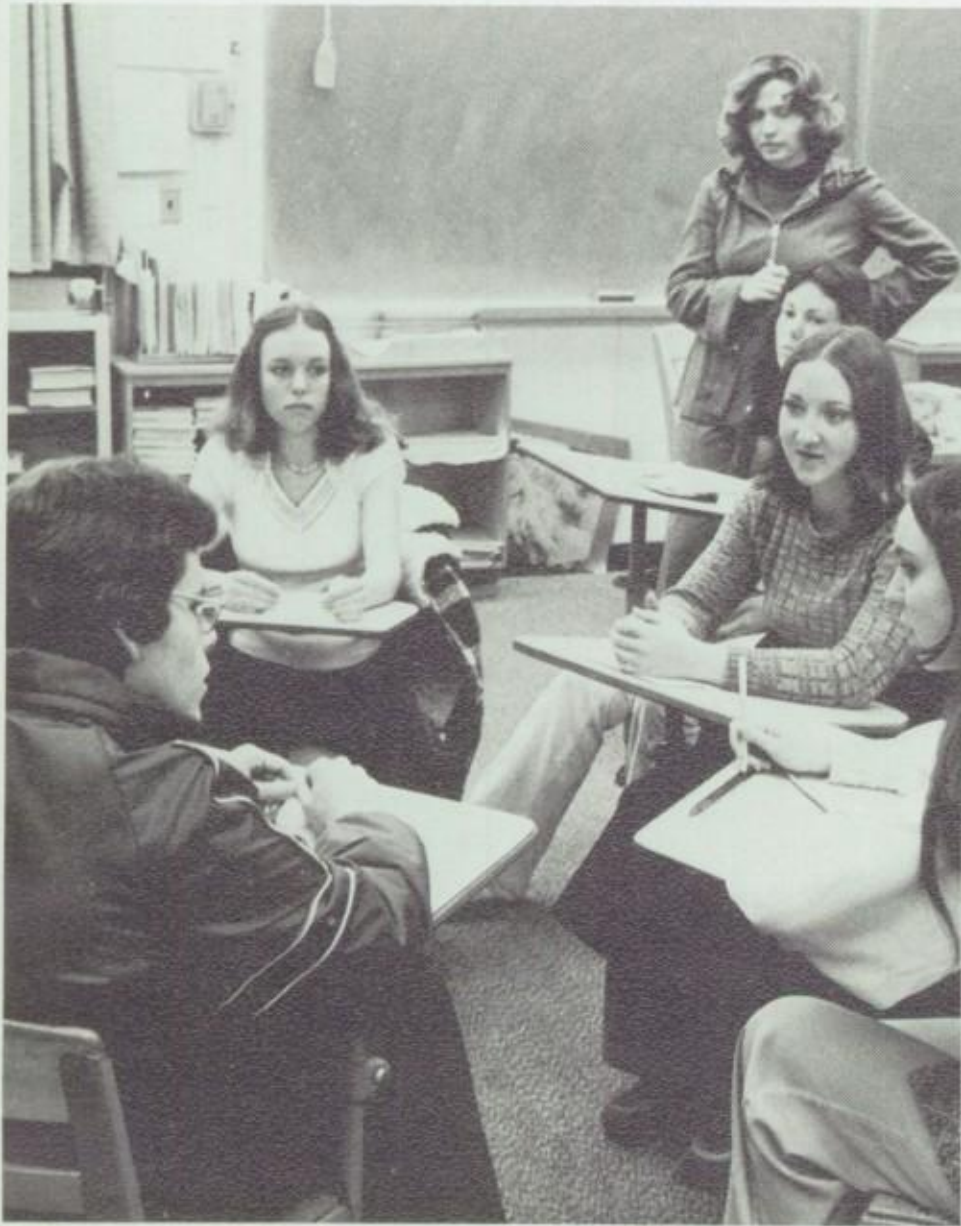
This is accomplished by focusing each meeting on one general career field. Students have the opportunity to listen to different speakers and visit displays and demonstrations during each meeting. This enables them to spend more time with the careers that most interest them.

Bringing the finest scribblings of their fellows to the Modesto High School student body, the *Analecta* staff worked hard throughout the year to produce another outstanding issue of the student literary magazine. With no separate class during school hours, the staff with advisor James Autry directing, took time out from other activities to devote to the production. Poetry, short stories, essays, illustrations, and photographs were combined in an attractive package to create a renewed interest in a traditional MHS publication.

Pursuing its third year of production at MHS, *this* magazine was offered as a regular class activity. A large 10½ x 13½ format provided ample space for timely articles appealing to student and community interests. Completely produced through the ROP program at Ceres, *this* magazine produced two issues in the spring semester under the direction of new advisor Barbara Quinn, with the June issue an exciting salute to the Bicentennial.



Top Left, *Analecta*, Nancy Vlach, Advisor Jim Autry, Julie Bradford, Lynna Horman. Top Center, Renaue Sewell, Advisor Barbara Quinn, Lorri West, Kim Pritchett, and Cindy Dellenbach interview foreign exchange student, Odair Pegorari for a feature article in *this* Magazine. Top Right, Robert DeWolf, one of the speakers at a Career Club meeting, talks to the students about skiing and mountaineering. Above, Career Club members show interest in one of the speakers at a fall meeting.



Left, This Staff, Front Row, Dave Silva, Jamie Woodbridge, Cindy Dellenbach. Second Row, Advisor Barbara Quinn, Angel Anderson, Tami Choate, Kevin Keeler, Kim Pritchett, John Miller, P'Andra Ward, Lonnie Dickens, Dee Ann Henry. In Tree, Sandy Romero, David Rachels.



Above, **SYCAMORE STAFF**: First Row, Lonnie Dickens, Sue Sesser, Liz Santos, Tara Sisemore, Julie Bentley, Dee Ann Henry, Fernanda Dias, Gary Fernandes, Jovel Lozada. Second Row, Steve Miller, Dave Silva, Andrea Menghetti, Leslie Lee, Jan Brink, Louie Merenda, Kevin Durr, David Abel, Joe Velo, Eric Ferguson, Eloy Bazan. Third Row, Tom Riggs, Danny Lau, editor Steve Hull, advisor James Shuman, Bobby George, Sue Bertozzi, Leanne Van Duyn, Gayle Chadwick, Dave Colby, Sue Vincent, Sandy Hart, Steve Vieira. Fourth Row, Dave Snyder, Anibal Beasley, Gabriel Oliveira, Doug Ott, Ski Angle, Danny Inderbitzen.

Right, Dave Colby and Sandy Hart discuss plans for their section as Mr. Shuman adds his personal opinion. Upper Right, Mr. Williams looks over the Broadcast with fall editor Mike Ibarra and spring editor Sylvia Ott.



Right, **BROADCAST STAFF**: First Row, Leslie Lee, editor Mike Ibarra, Sylvia Ott. Second Row, Dave Silva, Annette Fierro, Leanne Van Duyn, advisor Ken Williams, Norma Anaya, Jami Woodbridge. Third Row, Julie Bentley, Fernanda Dias, Andrea Menghetti, Kim Pritchett. Fourth Row, Liz Santos, Tara Sisemore, Gisele Miller, Gayle Chadwick, Louie Merenda, Lori Braden, Danny Inderbitzen, Megan Webster, Camera Bonsack, Debbie Gilmore.

Broadcast and Sycamore celebrate another successful year



Employing fine journalistic talent and photography skills as well as creative artistic ability, Modesto High School publications rose above the expectations of the students.

Expanding sixteen pages larger for this special bicentennial year, the theme for the 1976 Sycamore, "way of life," followed the years from the early colonial period, through pioneer days, and up to the present twentieth century. The use of color and special effects was dispersed generously throughout the book and gave an added spark to the sixty-sixth edition of the Sycamore. For the first time, all copy and headlines were set by the staff, utilizing the facilities at the ROP center in Ceres. Rising printing costs halted some of the early ideas, but the staff still managed to make efficient use of the funds that were available.

By increasing the amount of pages and emphasizing bicentennial activities, the Broadcast staff produced exciting issues including the Christmas issue and a special "Welcome to 1976" issue. Both issues featured a center advertising layout; the Christmas paper in full color and the latter in red, white, and blue.

By performing all aspects of production themselves, including the actual printing, the Broadcast staff, in cooperation with the ROP program, was able to bring to Modesto High a bright, informative newspaper on a regular schedule of every two weeks.



performing arts provide cultural awareness

Performing Arts enjoyed a successful season at Modesto High School. A wide variety of groups performed for MHS students and the community, demonstrating excellent talent of many kinds.

The Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Pep Band performed for a great variety of audiences throughout the year, garnering awards and recognition while demonstrating excitement and enthusiasm.

The Twilight Musicales once again proved to be a success with the combination of Madrigals, Concert Choir, Treble Clef, and Girls Ensembles singing a number of traditional Christmas songs, and topping it off with a visit from Santa.

Drama instructor Paul Tischer presented *Huckleberry Finn* introducing several new young actors and actresses, and providing enjoyable entertainment for audiences of all ages.

Modesto High School's Concert Choir under the direction of Dennis Clark also participated in the annual County Music Festival. Consisting of School choirs around the county, the County Choir was directed by Dr. David Thorson, a professor from California State University, Long Beach. Modesto High School's John Helmer was chosen to sing the solo in, "Ain't Got Time to Die," one of the selections done at the Festival, bringing honor and pride to himself and the school.

The Performing Arts Department attained commendable performances throughout the year through school assemblies and public appearances, and also sponsored a number of events featuring groups and individuals from other locations.

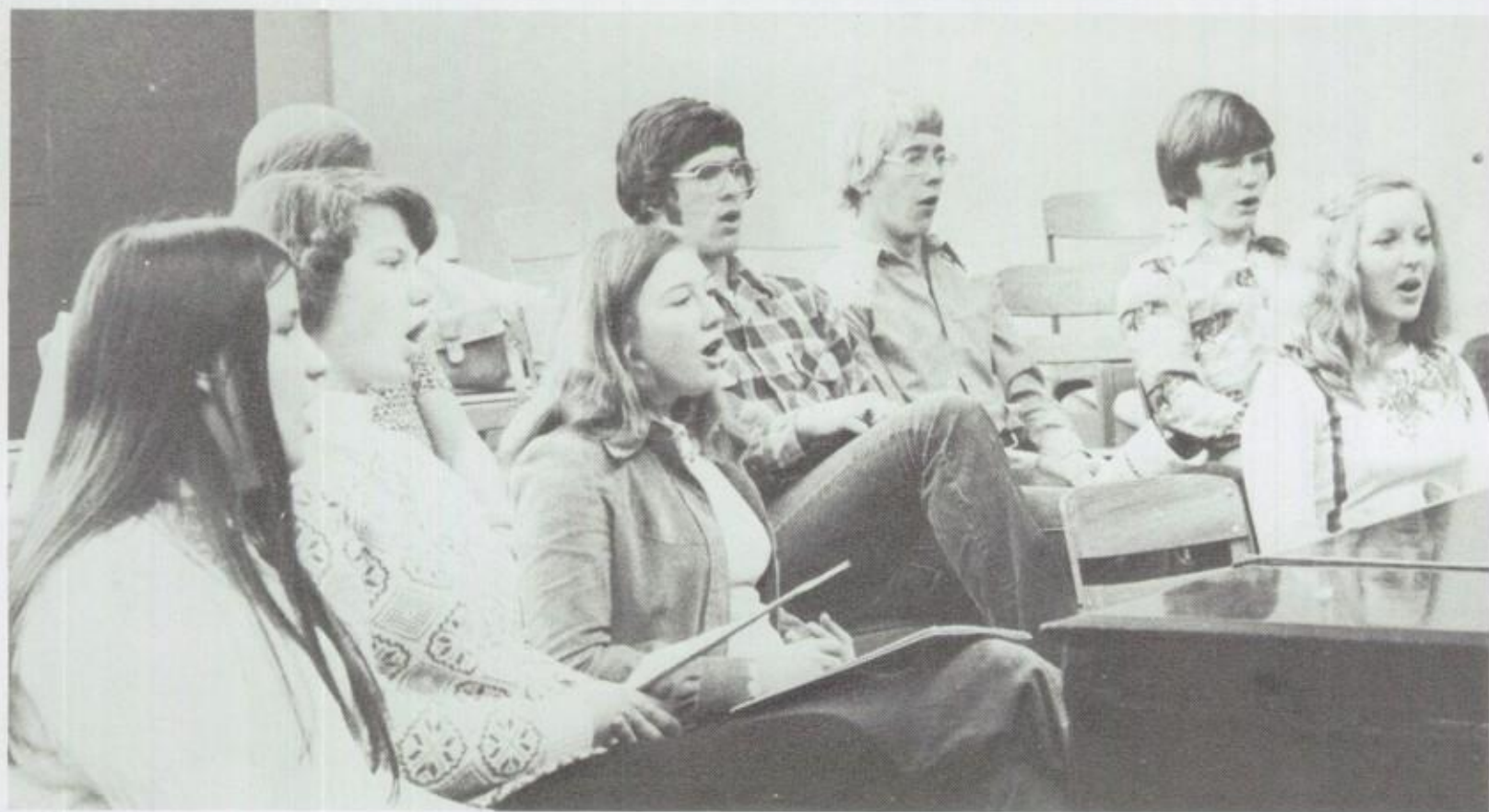
Above Left, Members of the marching band, Sue Evers, Jeff Caldwell, and Roger Allen, play a medley of popular songs during a halftime show. **Above Right**, Curtis Denham and Lamont Wilson discuss their raft journey in "Huckleberry Finn," a presentation put on by the MHS drama department. **Right**, Concert Choir members add their touch to the Twilight Musical. **Center**, Gary Baughman and Susie Campbell watch in delight as Santa Claus makes his way through the sky in a Christmas Eve pantomime skit during the Twilight Musicales. **Far Right**, The brass section of the band comes alive during an assemble in the auditorium.







Right, Director Dennis Clark leads the Madrigals in "Silent Night," a selection from the Twilight Muscalle. Far Right, Madrigals, Front Row, Barbara Teixeira, Laurie Marconet, Vickie Anderson, Garth Jolliff, Sue Sesser, David Colby, Janice Baker, Don Howell, Donna Vancil, Dirk Bilich. Back Row, Gary Baughman, Vern Willet, Sandy Hart, Curtis Denham, Susanne Fisher, John Helmer. Below, Madrigals rehearse new music for a public guest appearance. Below Right, Donna Vancil provides the soprano notes as Dirk Bilich brings up the bass.



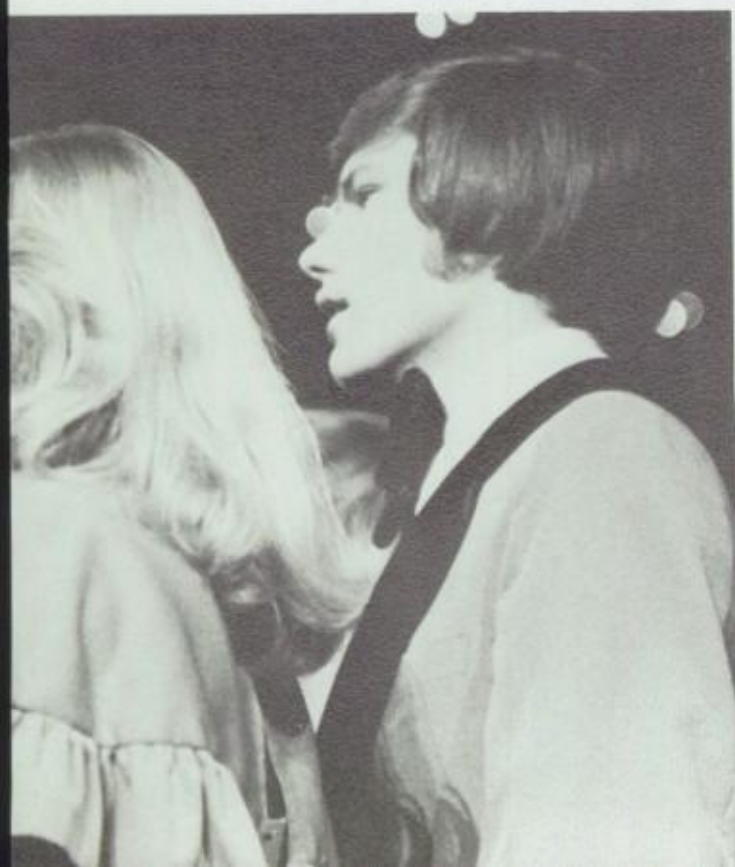


elite vocalists charm school and community

Continuing under the superb direction of Dennis Clark, Madrigals gave each of their many performances with evident talent and stunning appeal. Dressed in Burgandy formals and grey tuxedo jackets, the Madrigals group consisted of eight girls and eight boys blending their finely modulated voices in a year of highly acclaimed performances all the more impressive because they were delivered entirely a capella.

Participating in the Twilight Musicales at Christmas time, singing the traditional Christmas carols, and lifting the Spirit of Christmas all over town, Madrigals experienced their busiest season of the year, performing for many local civic and cultural organizations.

Madrigals also performed for various outside organizations throughout the year, always to complimentary audiences who joined in acclaiming Modesto High School's top vocal group for its consistent display of great talent.



vocal groups

Treble Clef, an all female chorus consisting of approximately sixteen girls, has the important function of an introduction to vocal music under the direction of Dennis Clark. Giving students the opportunity to perform in front of audiences at school assemblies and other special performances provided rewarding experiences.

A select group of eight girls is combined to create Girls Ensembles. This group rehearsed many early mornings to produce a very fine singing ensemble. Performing at many school functions and various other affairs, they brought true entertainment to the community.

Concert Choir consisted of a variety of outstanding vocalists, who, as in years past, were admired by every audience. A hard working group, students exercised their voices during daily practices for upcoming performances. Composed of students in grades 9 through 12, each year brings new voices while others leave, but the expected high quality remains evident with outstanding talent demonstrated each year. Concert Choir shows the community what enthusiastic enjoyment Performing Arts has traditionally brought to the students of MHS.

Concert Choir, Front Row, Donna House, Tina Layton, Donna Vancil, Susan Alonso, Curtis Denham, Lamont Wilson, Jose Aguilar, Dirk Bilich, Levi Hooper, Barbara Teixeira, Connie Bettencourt, Mary Bilich. **Second Row,** Cindy Benedict, Annette Peltz, Sue Sesser, Connie Jiminez, Sandy Sanchez, Gary Baughman, Wes Hyvonen, Andre Hensley, Dennis Hubbard, Paulette Ehle, Sandy Hart, Patti Barber, Charleen Miranda. **Third Row,** Susie Campbell, Suzanne Fisher, Jahna Baily, Janis Baker, Tim Churchill, John Hilmer, Garth Jolliff, Don Howell, Vicky Anderson, Nancy Ulm, Denise Farris, Laura Seals. **Back Row,** Tami Choate, Debbie Lindsay, Becky Couchman, Julie Miller, John Patrick, Arthur Gonzalves, Scott Ziegler, Vernon Willet, David Colby, Lori Marconett, Robin Luton, Peggy Green, Deena Shaird.



strive for harmonious excellence under superb direction



Upper Left, Girls Ensembles, Front Row, Sandy Sanchez, Debbie Lindsay, Susie Campbell, Connie Bettencourt, Jahna Bailey. Back Row, Tami Choate, Denise Farris, Peggy Green. Upper Right, Treble Clef, Marcy Benedict, Rosa Blanco, Vickie Britt, Lori Cannon, Camellianne Childers, Michelle Claxton, Lori Conrad, Tina Creekmore, Vickie Ford, Lisa Houser, Terry Garcia, Carla Hunstable, Michelle Hunstable, Ruth Kohler, Michelle Lindsay, Shelley Norleen, Alice Renfrow, Jill Perine, Ruth Richards, Sonia Rodgers, Marie Tamburo, Cindy Wheaton, Karen Wolf. Left, Performing at a Fall assembly, Girls Ensembles, once again impress their audience.

Right, Orchestra; First Row, Suzanne Fisher, Lois Honeycutt, Peggy Long, Jeanette Stinnett, Juanita Keep, Joanne Eresman, Daylene Hearst, Julia Sherman. **Second Row,** Jeannie Vaughn, Jami Woodbridge, Linda Lyles, Denise Tuggle, Chris Lyles, Barbara Long. **Third Row,** Diane Lewis, Roger Allen, Jeff Caldwell, Tom Payne, Dan Fisher, David Victorino, Richard Walker. **Fourth Row,** Debbie Francis, Patty Hill, Cathy Hyer.

Below, Jazz Band; First Row, Darrell Magnus, Jami Woodbridge, Jeannie Vaughn, Tom Payne, Sharon Gillette, Chris Lyles, Linda Lyles, Curtis Denham, John Christofferson, Bobby Sherburn, Debbie Lyles. **Second Row,** Dale Gilbert, Debbie Francis, Jeff Caldwell, Mark Johnson, Dan Fisher, Bob Horton, Mike Johnson, David Victorino, Dwayne Cummings. **Third Row,** Janet Rocha, Peggy Long, Patty Hill, Suzanne Fisher, Susie Campbell, Roger Allen, Clarence Abid, Eddie Munn, Richard Walker, Lanny Nelson, Doug Graver.



Right, Pep Band, First Row, Sharon Gillette, Clarence Abid, Janet Rocha, Linda Lyles. Second Row, Debbie Francis, Roger Allen, Doug Graver, David Victorino. Third Row, Darrell Magnus, Bobby Sherburn, Mike Johnson. Fourth Row, Chris Lyles, Richard Walker, Dwayne Cummings. Fifth Row, Bob Horton, Lanny Nelson, Mark Johnson, Dan Fisher. Sixth Row, Tom Payne, Bill Sheppard, David Couchman.



students express creativity through music

Through daily rehearsals and frequent night practices, the Modesto High School Orchestra showed great traditional talent in performing harmonic and melodious compositions. These young musicians practiced very hard to make each concert that they performed better than the previous one.

The Pep Band showed their prized possession of spirit at Modesto High School during rallies, football games, basketball games, and assemblies. The group is made up of lively, spirited musicians who are always willing to contribute their lively times at all school events. Without the Pep Band, the promotion of MHS spirit would be incomplete and much more difficult.

Creating some of the most listenable music performed at Modesto High School, the Jazz Band showed exuberant talent. Playing many concerts at MHS and presenting dances at the Elks Club, the group was able to help raise money needed for instrumental music. Performing before a variety of audiences, the Jazz Band continues to expand and has become a great attraction to MHS and our community.

Continuing a tradition dating back nearly 50 years to the days of Frank Mancini, the instrumental music program delights the ears and hearts of listeners and performers alike.

marching band creates captivating performances

Demonstrating fine ability, excellent spirit, tremendous field sound, and exciting flag routines, the Modesto High School Marching Panthers, under the direction of instructor Gary Runsten and drum majorette Brenda Wheat, produced four great performances, including a special Bicentennial Show which received a standing ovation.

One hundred and nine members strong, the MHS Marching Panthers won top awards in the first annual Marching Band Music Festival held here in Modesto. The enthusiastic band brought home the sweepstakes trophy, and also won 1st place in field and 2nd place in parade competition.

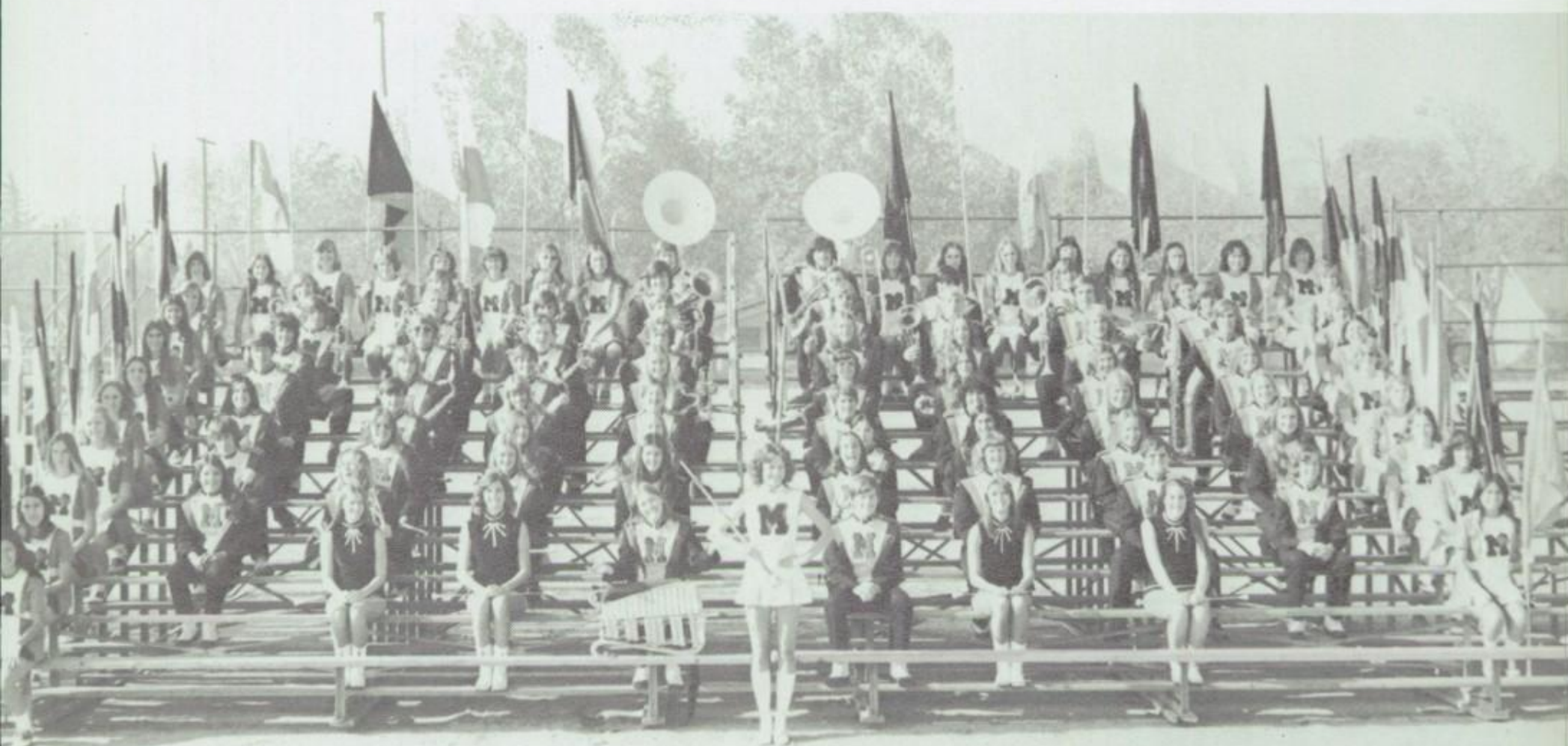
The flash and sparkle of the majorettes and the twirling colors of the flag girls gave an added touch of class to the talented Marching Panthers and made their performances eagerly-awaited events.

Through the lively participation of all the members, the cooperation of their parents, and financial support of the student body, the MHS Marching Panthers enjoyed another highly successful year. Willingly contributing their time and devotion, these smart-stepping, fast-playing, exciting young men and women continue to uphold the tradition of Modesto High School's pride and spirit.



Above: The drummers set the beat for the music as MHS spiritleaders release a mass of multicolored balloons, achieving a harmony of sound and color. **Upper Left:** Sue Sesser concentrates on transforming black notes into beautiful sounds with her clarinet. **Right:** Drum Majorette Brenda Wheat salutes the crowd at the Bicentennial halftime show. **Far Right:** Majorettes Mary Ann Henriques, Jami Woodbridge, Sharon Gillette, and Denise Tuggle exhibit their award-winning form.





MARCHING BAND: Clarence Abid, Susan Adams, Roger Allen, Janice Baker, Clifford Ball, Greg Bauer, Richard Bauer, Gary Baughman, Betty Beasley, Silvana Beasley, Steve Bertozzi, Chris Boday, Jeff Caldwell, Susie Campbell, John Christopherson, Tom Colbert, Chris Costin, Becky Couchman, Dave Couchman, Dwayne Cummings, Curtis Denham, Joanne Ehresman, Terry Epperson, Curtis Escobar, Rochelle Escobar, Susan Evers, Dan Fisher, Suzanne Fisher, Debbie Francis, Dale Gilbert, Dan Gilbert, Sharon Gillette, Gloria Gomez, Doug Graver, Mary Ann Henriques, Matt Hildreth, Patty Hill, Bob Horton, Cathy Hyer, Doug Jackson, Mark Johnson, Mike Johnson, Phillip Johnson, Chris Liles, Barbara Long, Peggy Long, Diane Louis, Debra Lyles, Linda Lyles, Patty Magana, Darrell Magnus, Mark Martin, Debby Moe, Lynn Moore, Eddie Munn, Lanny Nelson, Debbie O'Dell, Junior O'Dell, Tom Payne, Janet Rocha, Clyde Sanchez, Sandy Sanchez, Sherril Sather, Barbara Schmidt, Sue Sesser, Bill Sheppard, Bob Sherburn, Julie Sherman, Pennie Skittone, Christy Snyder, Millie Stinnett, Jennifer Thompson, Denise Tuggle, Jaylene Tuggle, Donna Vancil, Jeanie Vaughn, Dave Victorino, Richard Walker, Ruth Ann Walker, Brenda Wheat, Jami Woodbridge. **FLAG CARRIERS:** Martha Anaya, Norma Anaya, Sheila Anderson, Vicki Anderson, Deena Avila, Janice Baker, Silvana Beasley, Julie Bentley, Wendy Buchner, Debbie Buck, Sharon Butler, Angie Choate, Rose Euler, Denise Farris, Adella Gonsales, Terry Gonzales, Peggy Green, Kathy Gwerder, Patty Hill, Dalene Hurst, Tami Johnson, Laurie Liebes, Barbara Long, Peggy Long, Jill Meadows, Anita Menghetti, Paula Morrow, Linda Nevitt, Suzanne Porcella, Trena Poulos, Candy Rhoades, Joyce Robinson, Liz Santos, Tara Sisemore, Jeanette Stinnett, Sheri Ulloa, Cherise Wend.

female roles become more prominent

The National Forensic League is a national honor society which provides special recognition to high school students who attain competence in the field of interscholastic debate and speech. It seeks to preserve a tradition which began with the birth of our nation 200 years ago. Many of the great figures in our history were outstanding speakers: Patrick Henry, Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin

D. Roosevelt, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Today numerous senators, representatives, cabinet members, governors, state supreme court justices, heads of corporations, and entertainment personalities hold membership in the NFL.

The MHS chapter, one of the oldest and continuously active chapters in the United States, was coached by Mrs. Mary Ritter, who after 26 years of loyal direction retired at the end of this year.



Above, Former student Ken Adair and Mrs. Ritter discuss her plans to retire after successfully coaching the NFL for 26 years. Right, Diane Brewer practices for an upcoming debate session. Far Right, Block M members Dayle Crook, Eugene Loomis, and Brian Merenda help out at the Block M-sponsored Junior High basketball tournament.



Opposite Page, NFL: Front Row, Richard Ostorero, Pennie Skittone, Diane Brewer. Second Row, Curtis Escobar, Anita Menghetti, Jeff Klink. Third Row, Doug Graver, Kelly Lau, Rebecca Morris. Fourth Row, Millie Stinnett, Karen Tambs, Terri Garcia, Sheri Ulloa.

Below, BLOCK M: First Row, Joe Poulos, Eugene Loomis, Janet Rocha, Tom Ulm, Richard Martinez, Tony Brasil, Bill Sheppard, Ski Angle, Danny Inderbitzen, Steve Vieira. Second Row, Maradith Curfman, Eileen Lorenzo, Kim Pritchett, Adela Gonzales, Louie Merenda, Fran Lemos, Gail Baughman, Fernanda Dias, Christine Fisher, Cherise Wend, Julie Bentley, Silvana Beasley.

Third Row, Vernece Tanner, Gwen Haley, Karen Tomlinson, Gloria Gomez, Sally Corgiat, Dayle Crook, Eddie Munn, Silvano Suarez, Scott Venturini, Anthony Copobianco, Tom Johnson, Tom Riggs, John Miller, Mike Martin. Fourth Row, Joyce Robinson, Roger Allen, Steven Palleschi, Jim Richmond, Steve Hull, Mark Schonhoff, Dave Wallace, Steve Walters, Chris Costin, Richard Ostorero. Fifth Row, Steve Miller, Lucas Alberto, Dale Gilbert, Sandy Hart, Joe Tomao, Anibal Beasley, Steve Howell, Danny Lau, Dennis Lyons, Brian Merenda, Bill Ryan. Sixth Row, Mike Nelson, Carl Graffenstatte, Jan Brink, Donald Storer, Brad Henson, Phil Owen, Gary Baughman, Charles Klewer, Scott Clark, David Colby, Bill Boer.



Block M is a letterman's organization where boys and girls are eligible for membership after earning a letter in a varsity sport. In the past, the club has helped sponsor cheerleaders going to cheerleading camps, motorcycle races, basketball games against Beyer, Davis, and Downey's Block Societies, faculty games, and the annual junior high school basketball tournament.

The money earned by the club is channeled directly into the sports program and, with the help of the student body, supplies equipment for both boys and girls sports on all three levels of competition. The Block M Society, in cooperation with the Modesto High School Boosters Club, is undertaking possibly the biggest single project in the history of the club. Projected for 1977, the club is helping the wrestling team earn money for a trip to Hawaii to wrestle a team coached by Mr. Kiyoi's brother.

A very prestigious club, Block M has recently started accepting girls as members who are able to earn letters in any sport, girls' or boys'.

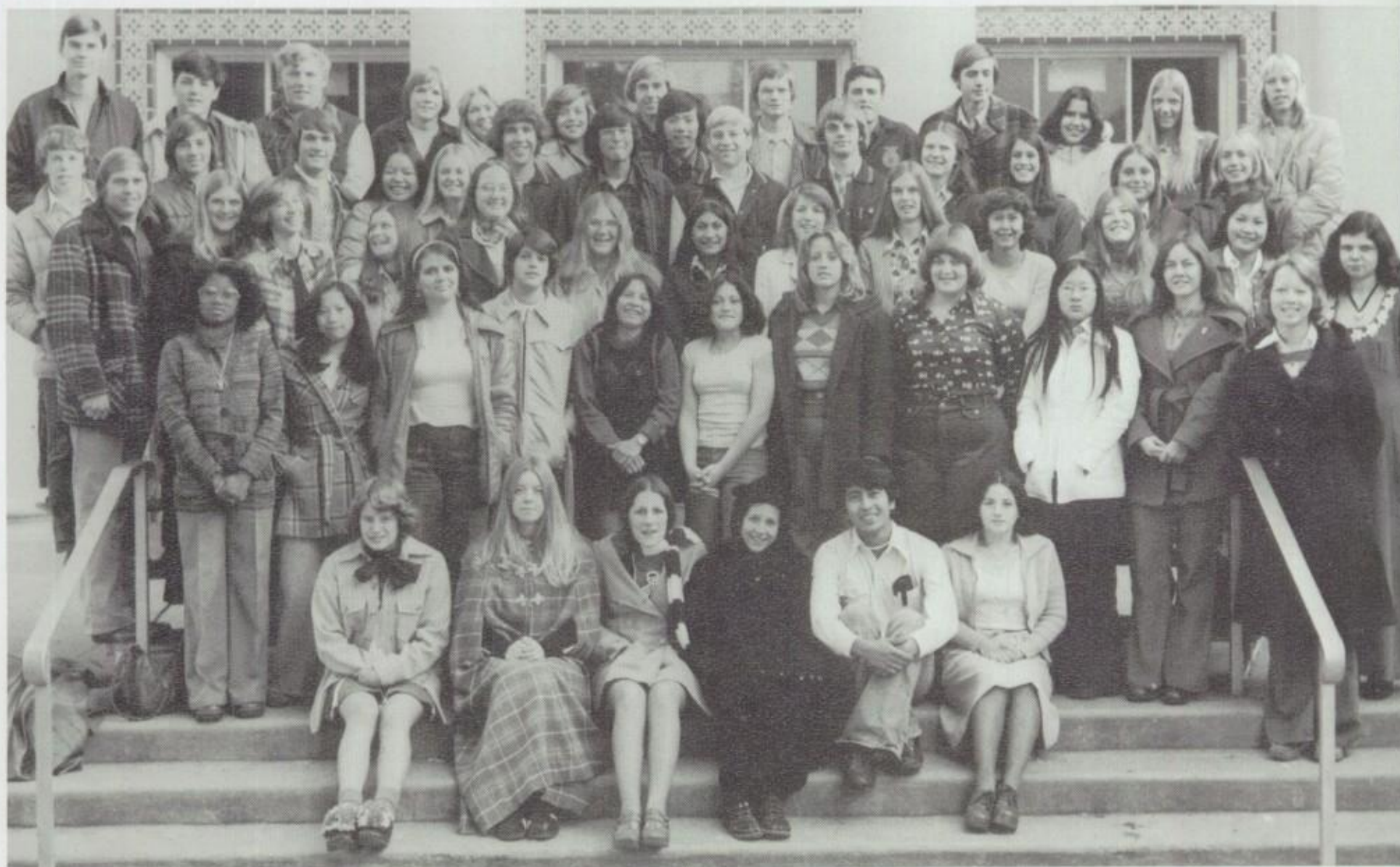
With the acceptance of female athletes, the Block M club has grown considerably in size.

scholastic and cultural clubs offer chances to excel

Below, MATH CLUB: First Row, Kelly Lau, Maxine Wong, Susie Lasater, Joni Strohm, Gary Baughman, Brian Pierce. Second Row, P'Andra Ward, Joanne Ehresman, Mike Schonhoff, Dave Jepson, Steve Porcella, Eddie Munn, Danny Lau, Richard Ostorero, Rudy Campos, Charles Kliever.

Experiencing math as a form of enjoyment outside of the classroom is the goal of the newly formed group, the Math Club, which was started by several Modesto High School students interested in promoting and stimulating a broader view of math. To qualify, members must have earned ten credits or more in a math course and all freshmen are eligible. A field trip to Berkeley to learn how to program computers is one of the various activities of the Math Club. They also attended computer programming sessions and made out the test for the seventh and eighth grade mathematics superbowl. Making the Math Club more interesting is the job of advisor, Marge Stuhlman.

Membership in the California Scholarship Federation provides recognition of the students with the greatest potential for success in the academic community. For acceptance into the club, a rigid pattern of qualification must be satisfied by achieving a "B" grade point average or higher for each semester. Students who become members for four semesters, one of which is in the senior year, become eligible for Life Membership which presents the opportunity for reduced admission fees and scholarships at many colleges and universities.





Left, GERMAN CLUB: First Row, Pam Hathaway, Ramona Richardson, Doug Graver, Sylvia Ott, Rose Euler, Sue Evers. Second Row, Mike Merenda, Bill Sheppard, Jeannette Boege, Maradith Curfman, Cindy Rush, Chris Nelson, Kathy Gwerder, Katherine Boege.



With more students interested in higher education than ever before, and with many colleges requiring a year or more of a foreign language upon admittance, language courses have gained in popularity. At Modesto High, as at most schools, the most popular have come to be German and French. Many students not only enroll in the class, but also join the club. Through the efforts of the German Club, members get a chance to strengthen their knowledge of the language, and also have the opportunity to explore the entire culture of the Germanic race, including life styles, clothing styles, and foods.

As a romance language, French was introduced at Modesto High several years ago and since enjoyed great popularity. The French Club also enables its members to probe the history of France in an atmosphere outside the classroom.

Typical club meetings involve films, slides, and buffet dinners featuring foods from the respective countries. For college-bound students or just interested people looking for an elective course, membership in a foreign language class and club is a valuable and worthwhile experience.

Left, CSF: First Row, Suzanne Porcella, Sue Bertozzi, Jami Woodbridge, Sue Vincent, Mike Ibarra, Fernanda Dias. Second Row, P'Andra Ward, Kelly Lau, Martha Vallejo, Suzanne Fisher, Gloria Catzalco, Mary Galhandro, Cathy Hyer, CAndi Bellew, Genlee Wong, Joanne Ehresman, Teresa Hayes, Juanita Keep. Third Row, Michael Boyd, Leanne Van Duyn, Peggy Long, Sally Corgiat, Joni Strohm, Andrea Menghetti, Betty Beasley, Linda Nevitt, Kathy Gwerder, Paula Morrow, Karen Maxfield, Maxine Wong. Fourth Row, Jeff Klink, Clifford Bull, Steve Miller, Margaret Haw, Leslie Lee, Steven Howell, Anibal Beasley, Gary Baughman, Eddie Munn, Sue Lasater, Christine Fisher, Cindy Rush, Christine Nelson. Fifth Row, Evan Campbell, Charles Kiewer, Richard Ostorero, Tom Knox, Jan Brink, Sylvia Ott, Mike Nelson, Danny Lau, David Jepson, Jeff Lee, David Couchman, Ardith Corona, Janet Fields, Maradith Curfman.

Above, FRENCH CLUB: First Row, Curtis Denham, Julie Bentley, Sue Sesser, Jennifer Thompson, Karen Dial. Second Row, Suzanne Porcella, Diane Brewer, Kelly Lau, Peggy Long. Third Row, Advisor Denise Walser, Kathy Wafford, Sue Lasater, Jose Aguilar, Joanne Ehresman, Danny Lau.



Above, ART CLUB: First Row, Christine Magana, Frank Dejesus, DeeAnn Winfrey, Frank Borja, Rick Espinoza. Second Row, Angie Choate, Wendy Buchner, Susie Sutton, Cindi Van Vliet, Doug Ott, Tim Cardoza. Third Row, Wes Humphrey, Lonnie Dickens, Ron Scoggin, Tim Churchill, Jeanette Boege. Fourth Row, Melva Reed, Liz Fletcher, Kelvin Moses, Catherine Boege, advisor Phyllis Boteler. Fifth Row, Javier Mendoza, Jovel Lozada, John Swift, Colleen Campbell, Ruben Perez, Steve Imelio. Sixth Row, Advisor James Shuman, Ed Arzaball, Ed Carlson, Anthony Martinez, Scott Ziegler.

Right, KEY CLUB: First Row, Tom Ulm, advisor Rodney Owen, Doug Graver, Darrell Magnus. Second Row, Gary Baughman, Rudy Campos, Brian Pierce, Danny Lau.



expressing oneself: the key to success



Providing substantial gifts of art equipment to the school as well as scholarships to graduating art majors are the main objectives of the Art Club. They are capable of doing this by participating in many money-raising activities, the chief among them being popcorn concessions at athletic events. Attending educational field trips and sponsoring guest lecturer/artists are other activities of the Art Club.

The Key Club has been a service club at MHS for many years. An international organization affiliated with the Kiwanis Club, it provides many opportunities for students to develop positive attitudes toward school and community. Some projects which have been accomplished in past years include the installation of the Panther in the floor of the main entrance to the school, the provision of money for the Foster Parent Plan to help children in Italy and the Phillipines, the help offered to program a brain-damaged child in Modesto, the presentation of the brass Victory Bell and trailer to MHS and provision of ticket sellers, takers and custodians for athletic activities for many years. This ambitious club is advised by Rodney Owen and Pat Durr.

Mastering the art of the game of chess and associating with other students on an intellectual and competitive basis is the purpose of the Chess Club. Its members strive to maintain the philosophy that how one plays the game is more important than the final outcome. Keeping this in mind, good sportsmanship and a social outlet are their objectives. The club sponsors several open Chess Tournaments at school and meets weekly at 7:00 A.M. for practice sessions.



Above, Jeff Klink attempts his next move en route to a checkmate.

Left, CHESS CLUB: First Row, Jeff Klink, Mike Merenda, Kelly Lau. Second Row, advisor Manuel Gonsalves, Danny Lau, Richard Bauer, Ramona Richardson, Veronica Campbell.

recreational and service clubs aid school

The Modesto High School Ski Club has progressed to become one of the most popular clubs on campus. With this year's membership being one of the largest in many years, the club planned many trips throughout the skiing season. Some plans were altered due to such a late skiing season. The skiers ability ranged from snow-plowing beginners to even a few advanced hotdog-

Below, SKI CLUB: First Row, Candi Hastie, Paula Tanner, Sue Bertozzi, Ski Angle, Ssdy Hart, DeeAnn Winfrey, Jennifer Thompson, Sue Sesser. Second Row, Leanne Van Duyn, Susan Van Duyn, Jill Meadows, Steve Hull, Anthony Copobianco, Jody Paull, Steve Miller, Lonnie Dickens, Alan Bertozzi, Parry Salsi, Dave Wallace, Danny Inderbitzen, Lynne Austin, Carl Graffenstate, Dan Killingsworth, Julie Meadows, Kim Pritchett, Karen Tomlinson.

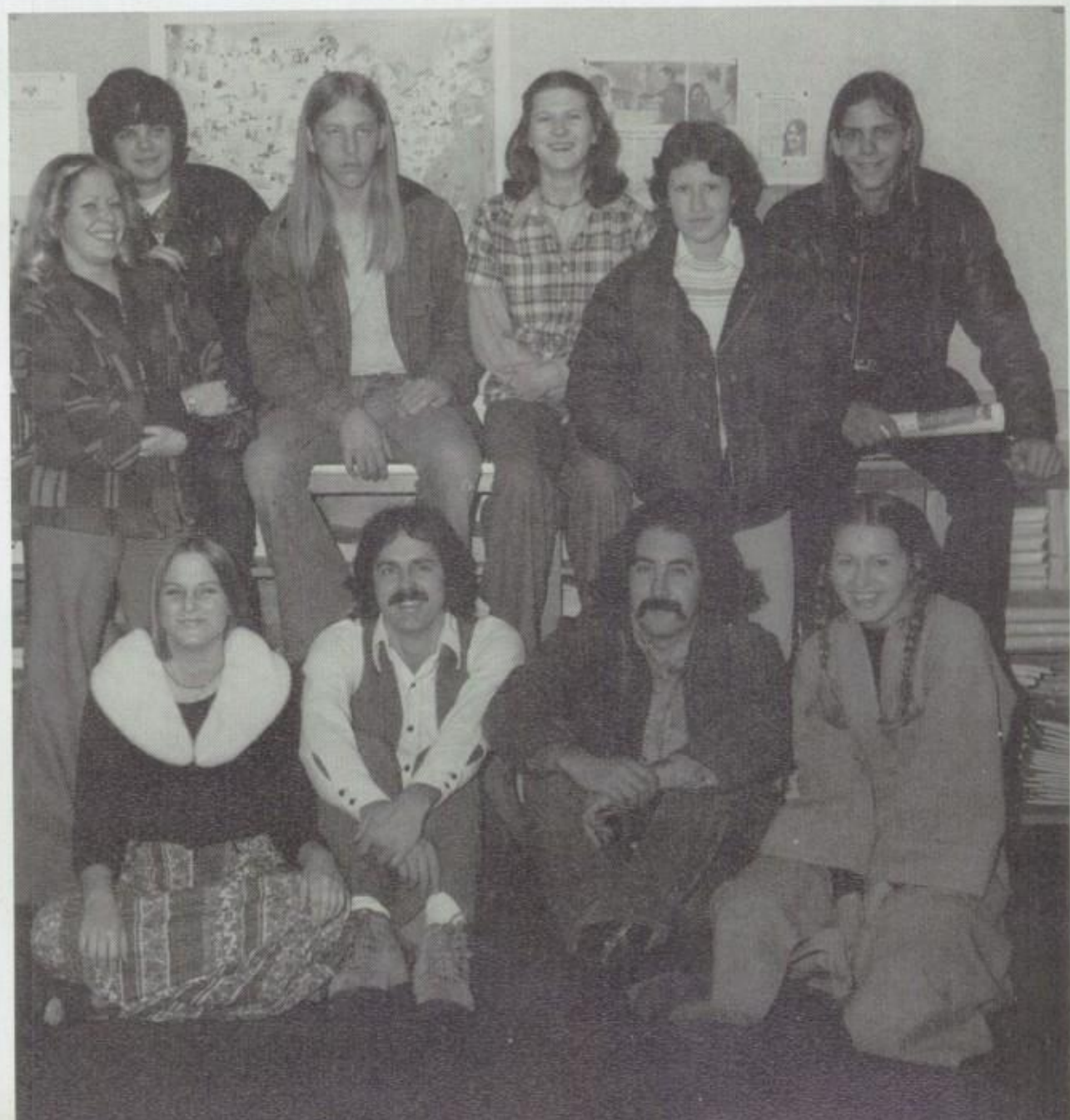
Bottom, ACT: First Row, Julie Bradford, advisor James Autry, advisor Pete Cislo, Lynna Hormon. Second Row, Marlene Maciel, Mike Sweyd, Dan Campbell, Susie Lasater, Kim Sauls, David Abel.



gers. Miss Dee Killam, the advisor, helped optimistic beginning skiers learn the basic snow-plow method as in previous years. In spite of a late winter, the Ski Club members enjoyed another eventful and memorable year.

Active Conservation Today began in 1969 as an effort to educate and acquaint the students of Modesto High School with the environment and its impact on today's world. ACT attempts to achieve this through field trips, speakers, clean-ups, and fund raising. ACT was advised by Pete Cislo and James Autry; notable events included a weekly plant sale in the court yard on Fridays and a bicycle hike, both in the fall.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Diana Holtz, the S Club has grown tremendously. Its basic goals are to be of service to others and to carry out friendship and leadership at MHS and in the surrounding community. This year the girls participated in many activities, acting as guides at freshman orientation, serving at a Bicentennial pancake breakfast, setting up and decorating a Christmas tree in the main hall and collecting toys and clothing for the Family Tree organization. A very hard-working and inspiring group, the S Club continues to play an important role in being of service to MHS.



and surrounding community



Center, ACT member Mark Tappen gleefully plays frisbee during the ACT bicycle trip and picnic. **Left,** S Club members Megan Webster, Manuela Dias, Rose Presto, Margaret Haw, Darlene Seabra, and Candi Bellew decorate the Christmas tree in the main hall to add a touch of Christmas spirit to MHS.

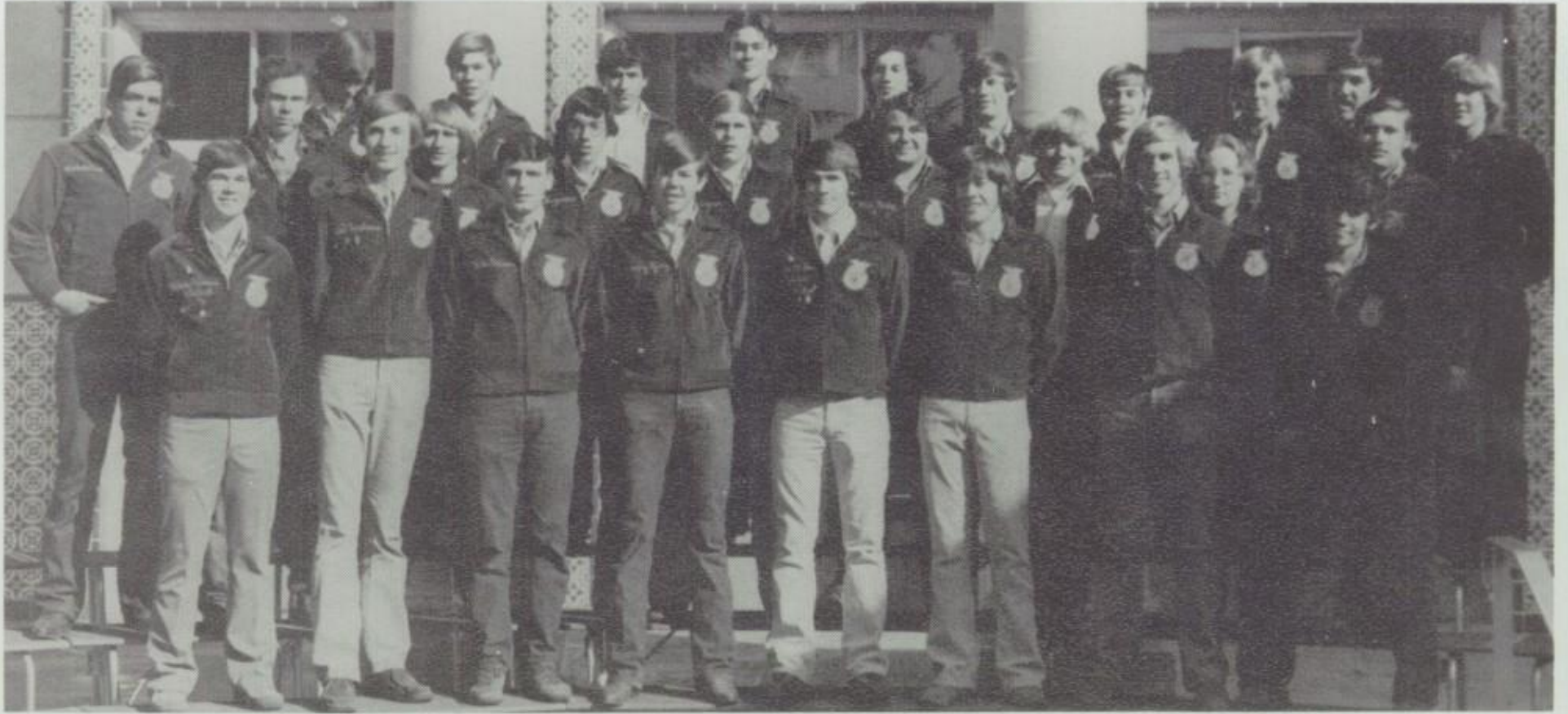


Above, S CLUB: First Row, Eileen Lorenzo, Sally Corgiat, Darlene Seabra, Leslie Lee, advisor Diana Holtz, Sylvia Ott, Joni Strohm, Paula Morrow, Suzanne Fisher, Jami Woodbridge, Hollie Skinner. **Second Row,** Connie Bettencourt, Marilyn Fernandes, Cindy Rush, Andrea Menghetti, Rose

Presto, Chris Fisher, Nancy Berry, Lori Blackwood, Teresa Rosa, Janet Ashfordd. **Third Row,** Robin Luton, Ardith Corona, Jahna Bailey, Ronda Beachler, Janet Fields, Rhonda Carson, Maridith Curlman, Megan Webster, Candi Bellew, Renee Butler, Kathy Gwerder, Kim Van Vliet, Sheila Anderson, Tami Choate.

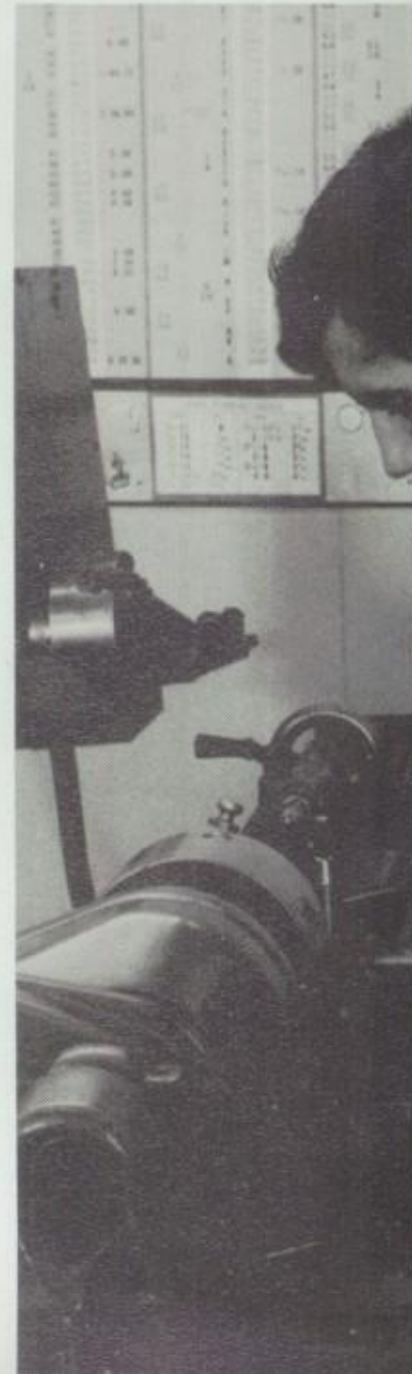
Far Right, Freshman-Sophomore FFA: First Row, Ron McManis, Danny Borba, Bill Strohm, Gary Simpson, Roland Blankenship, James Aguirre. Second Row, Tim Soukup, Russell Miller, Paul Oyler, Stephen Babb, Candy Hastie, Paul Spani. Third Row, Frank Gwerder, Ron Terra, Ty Angle, Tony Fuerst, Chris Boday. Fourth Row, Larry Mendonca, Miles Anthony, Becky Schubert, Marty Bell. Fifth Row, John Borges, Elizabeth Zellman, Chris Nelson, Bobby Breazeale, Richard Ayala, Tom Ott. Sixth Row, Irene Fuller, Diane Wheeler, Mike Alvarado, Junior O'Dell, Dan Killingsworth, Jeff Woodbridge. Seventh Row, Mike Hodge, David Garrison, Steve Hampton, Jeanie Zinnbauer, Randy Burtis, Scott Wolf, Larry Christiansen.

Below, Junior-Senior FFA: First Row, Randy Heinrich, David Couchman, Jeff Lee, Tom Ulm, Steve Miller, Ernie Burgi, Mike Nelson, David Wheeler. Second Row, John Epperson, Dan Watson, Steve Hull, Bobby Nunes, Michael Boyd, Anthony Copobianco, Ski Angle, Laura Hodge, David Silva. Third Row, Joe Coito, Dan Howser, Albert Fidalgo, Leslie Miller, Joe Poulos, John Lorenzo, Ralph Bava, Garth Jolliff, Arnold Avila, Larry Trickey.



Above, Steve Miller awards Scott Wolf his chapter farmer degree while Elizabeth Zellman watches. **Right,** Steve Walters works on his combustion engine on a metal lathe in the metal shop.

Far Right, VICA: First Row, Mike Merenda, Tom Schell, Gary Vail, Mike Forrest, Bob Chandler, Joel McDonald. Second Row, Advisor Harlan Elving, Larry Parman, Tom Barksdale, Phil Owen, Michael Boyd, Joe Gregory, Derrick Wilburn. Third Row, Elmo Wolf, Michael Purdue, Ronald Oliver, Doug Ott, Advisor Richard Finn.





vocational clubs join nationals in job preparation

Among the largest organizations on the MHS campus, Future Farmers of America prepares high school students for related agricultural occupations and develops leadership and responsibility within its members. The year's calendar is booked with meetings and contests including a Parent-Member Banquet where members seek to inform the community of the club's program. Practical experience is a key factor in learning agricultural techniques and students teach themselves as they work on supervised farm-related projects. Agriculture teachers provide the students with instruction in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, and modern mechanized farming methods. FFA helps in expanding the ambitions of each individual to a fuller extent of his potential.

Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America continue to play an important role for graduates finding limited opportunities in business. VICA offers prestige and recognition through a material program of contests open to aspiring mechanics, electricians, printers, carpenters, and draftsmen. VICA is instrumental in broadening perspectives through inter-club and interstate activities, and offers co-curricular activities that make education and training more meaningful. The local Chapter has achieved national prominence on several occasions, and this year Mr. Willard Ripley, the former VICA advisor, has become a regional director in the national organization.



Right, AMERICAN INDIAN CLUB: First Row, Advisor Polly Cowings, Michelle Lindsay, Karen Phillips, Karen Hedgecock, Jeff Weston. Second Row, Tammy Annatchison, Tammy Buster, Phyllis Mack, Arthur Gonzales, Donald Truelove. Third Row, Richard Simmer, advisor Joe Barosso, Teri Fletcher, Adela Gonzales, Billy Shorter, Liz Fletcher, advisor Martha Knight. Fourth Row, John Gonzales, Dee Ann Henry, Evelyn Mack. Fifth Row, John Swift, Jovel Lozada, Anthony Martinez, Randy Lackey.

Below, MASA: First Row, Pablo Astorega, Concepcion Balderas, Maria Gallegos, Carla Arrizon. Second Row, Mike Galvan, Carlos Rosales, advisor David Rancano, Raul Soto, Maria Gascon, Hector Vera. Third Row, Alejandro Teves, Octavio Fernandez, Naomi Castaneda, Rosalinda Gomez, Hilda Villegas, Patricia Arrizon. Fourth Row, Modesto Meza, Martin Ascencio, Daniel Teves, Angela Arrizon, Sylvia Rosales, Carmen Franco, Eli Castaneda. Fifth Row, Alfonso Genel, Pascual Alvarado, Isabel Genel, Socorro Rosales, Olga Castaneda, Beatrice Fernandes, Anita Alvarez, Ruben Perez.



Below, American Indian Club advisor Joe Barosso talks in government classes about native American rights.



minority groups add awareness of diverse heritages to MHS

The newest club introduced on the MHS campus is the American Indian Club, whose emphasis is on understanding the positive aspects of being a native American. They sought to learn about Indian culture, dance, history, and art. They also attempted to acquaint the general student population with American Indian culture in order to provide fuller appreciation of its diversity and richness.

The Mexican-American Student Association is a group of interested students sharing the cultural heritage of the Spanish-speaking countries of the world with the rest of the MHS student body. Sponsoring a variety of cultural and entertainment activities, MASA hopes to increase the understanding of all students about the customs and values of Spanish-speaking students. To that goal, the membership in MASA is open to all students.

With the birth of our nation 200 years ago, Blacks have struggled for civil rights. Through the efforts of numerous civil rights leaders, tremendous progress has been made. Many students here on the MHS campus have been working for unity among cultures through the Black Students Union. Reassuring Black self-confidence in reaching more goals and making higher stands in the economic and social structure of our nation are its goals. BSU was founded several years ago by a small group of students and its present advisor is Harold Carr.



Left, BSU: First Row, Advisor Eddie Bolden, Arvelia Grays, P'Andra Ward, Julia Larry, advisor Harrold Carr. Second Row, Janice Jackson, Sharon Austin, Virginia Lee, Gertrude Taylor, Jahna O'Bryant. Third Row, Sherry Britton, Beverly Austin, Arthur Gonzales, Arthur Rosenberg, Brian McDaniel, Crystal Grays, Susan Jones. Fourth Row, Paul Larry, Ossie Louis, Eugene Larry, Louis Armstrong, Ollie Quinn, Thelma Williams.

action clubs prepare for future careers

The Business Club attempts to help students interested in pursuing a business career to prepare for the future. They investigate different possible careers and explore many aspects of the business world. Money earned by working concessions during football season helped them to take interesting social trips and to provide scholarships for graduating business majors.

AFJROTC is in its fourth year at MHS and has grown from 38 cadets in 1972 to over one hundred today.

The purpose of ROTC is to develop an appreciation and understanding of aerospace sciences and to develop leadership qualities. To achieve these goals, students research the areas of aircraft, theory of flight, navigation, and other aeronautic subjects.

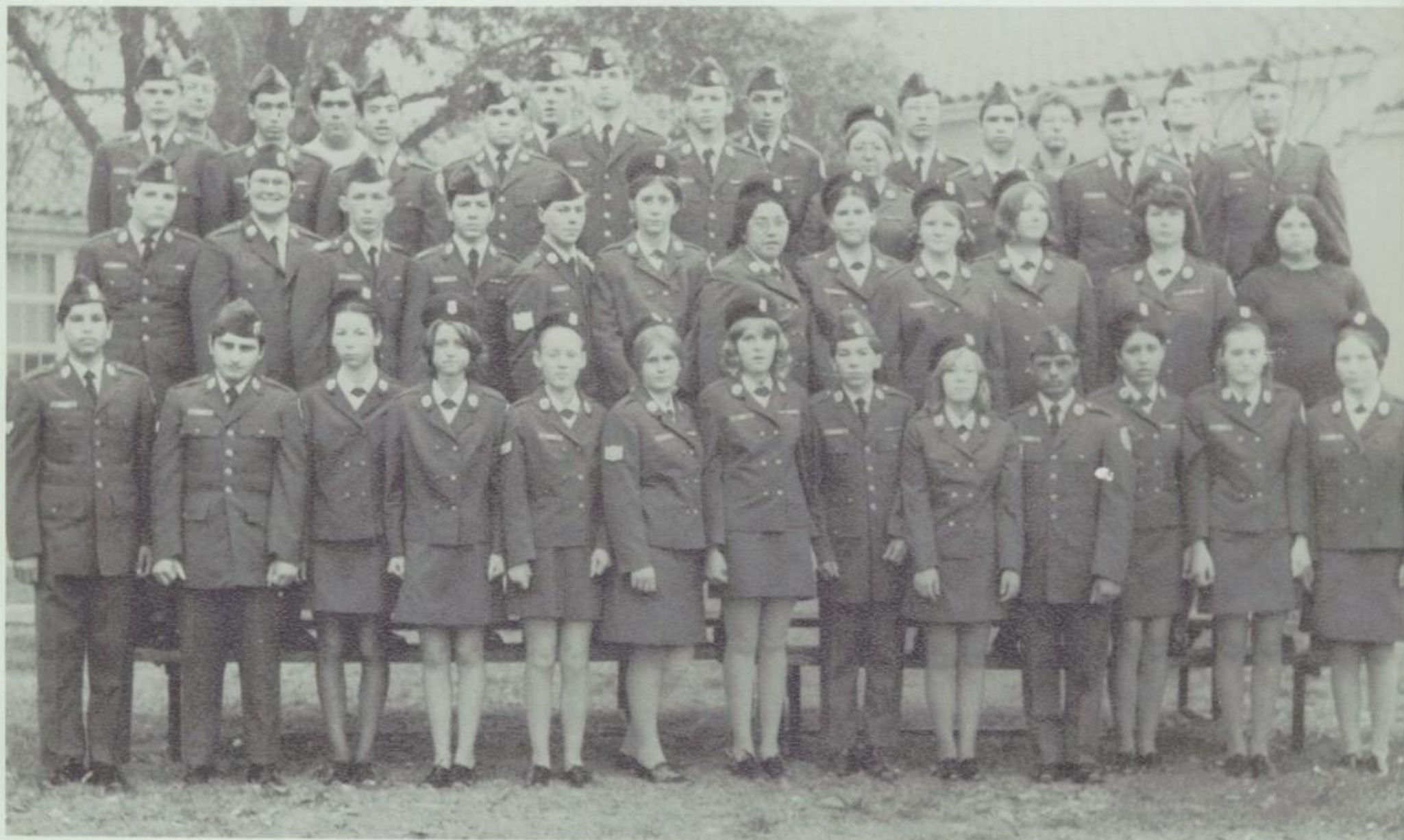
Activities this year included presenting the colors at our home football games, displaying a large US flag during the special Bicentennial halftime show, and observing a 2-hour orientation flight in an Air Force airplane. ROTC received a gift 13-star Benington Flag which was flown from our main flagpole each Wednesday.

Below, **BUSINESS CLUB**: First Row, Lori Blackwood, Mary Galhandro, Kelly Lau, Joyce Robinson, Sandy Romero. Second Row, Sally Corgiat, Marian Luna, Anna Marquez, Susan Alonzo, Robbie Thompson, Sabrina Washington. Third Row, Teresa Hayes, advisor Marilee Abercrombie, Liz Uribe, Kathy Gwerder, Janet Ashford, Cindy Rush, Marilyn Fernandes, Bernece Tanner, Sandy McLair, Tamara Lee. Fourth Row, Maridith Curfman, Don Howell, Louis Clark, Diane Goncalves, Juanita Keep, Janet Fields, Renee Butler, Rhonda Carson, Annie Larry.

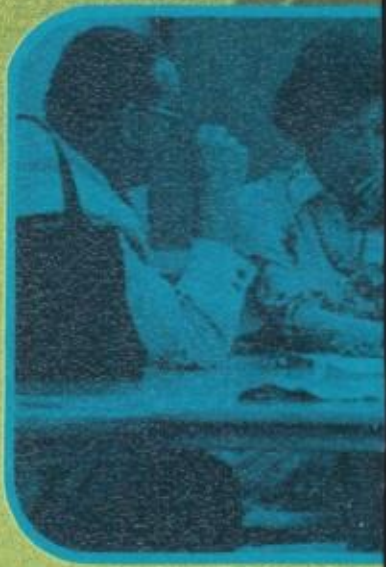


Below, AFJROTC: First Row, Robert Retana, John Ordez, Betty Lima, Cynthia Wooten, Linda Powell, Lynda Cooksey, Nancy Jones, Jack Ainsworth, Francis Ussery, Mike Galvan, Phyllis Mack, Anne Swen, Janet Barnes. Second Row, Carl Jones, David Rachels, David Sanson, Joe Layton, Kevin Keeler, Patti Geddes, Kathy Oliver, Crystal Paugh, Tammy Atchinson, Karen Tambs, Lori Marconett,

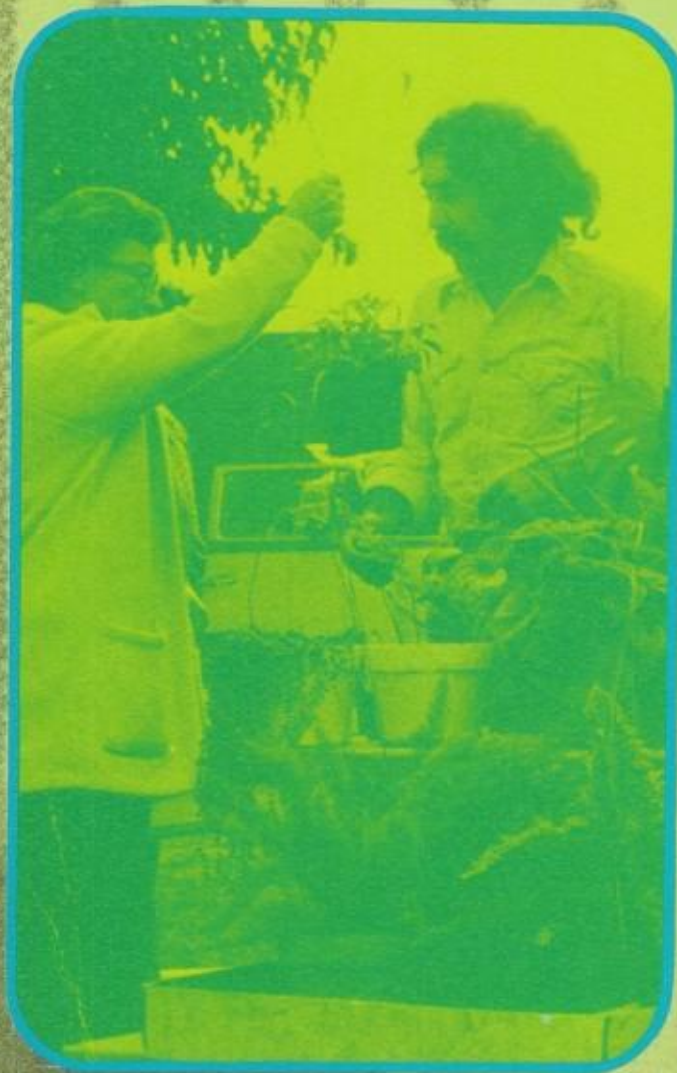
Evelyn Mack. Third Row, J. D. Buttry, Lance Gharat, Mark Coito, Curtis Long, Glen McPherson, Chris Show, Evelyn Stearns, Mike Kincaid, Thomas Colbert, Frank Zumbach. Fourth Row, Lt. Col. Schales, Kevin McElhenie, Richard Osterero, Joe Rathbun, James Miller, John Miller, Michael Rachels.



Left, Colonel Schales patriotically salutes the Bicentennial and State of California flags. Above, ROTC members line up in front of the school for the flag ceremony every Wednesday morning. Upper Left, Sharon Gillette takes advantage of an adding machine while doing her bookkeeping assignments.



*'deriving their just
powers from the
consent of the
governed'*



Academics

new Programs implement improvements

Advancing far beyond the colonial three r's, reading, 'riting, and rithmetic, free public education, begun more than two hundred years ago, has grown to encompass a diversified range of subjects, and expanded from a few months a year at grammar school to a 15-year program.

Various innovations were initiated at Modesto High School in an effort this year to improve the educational program. The School-Community Workshop, under the leadership of Dr. Marie Fielder, held sessions at various times throughout the year, with the theme question being "What should Modesto High accomplish?" Students, parents, community representatives, and faculty worked together to acheive commonly perceived goals. Scheduling and counseling problems were the main topics of the Student Curriculum Committee, which, through a process of analyses and recommendation, made student views known. The student Panel was another group that directed its attention to developing a more satisfactory educational atmosphere. Surveys and questionnaires provide necessary information concerning issues such as classroom attendance, student behavior, and teacher-student relationships for the panel to utilize in reaching conclusions.

Designated as a Student Teacher Center, MHS embarked on a new program to train teachers. This new training method involves a full semester of observation at MHS and Mark Twain Jr. High, followed by a semester of actual teaching. Under the guidance of College Supervisor Mrs. Jane Diekman, student teachers acquire the experience which is necessary to develop their teaching abilities.

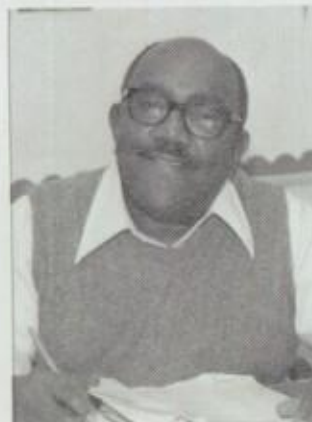




Far Lower Left, Student Curriculum Committee, Lois Honeycutt, Suzanne Fisher, Paula Marrow, Becky Couchman, Mr. Caton, Betty Beasley, Anita Menghetti, Raul Ortez, Margaret Haw, Sylvia Ott, Mike Ibarra, Sue Lasater, Dempsey Griffie, Teresa Hayes, John Miller, Anibal Beasley, Kelly Lau, Silvana Beasley, Christine Fisher. Upper Left, Dr. Marie Fielder generates enthusiasm for ways to improve schools and the community at a meeting of the School-Community Workshop. Top, Parents of MHS students, Al Burtis, Dave Joliff, Norman Johnson, and Pete Menghetti look over new improvements for the school and community. Above, Student Panel, Stan Cunningham, John Laude, Silvana Beasley, Rose Presto, Margaret Haw, Steve Miller, John Swift, Steve Curran, Louis Armstrong, Mike Boyd, Silviano Suarez. Left, Student Teachers, Mimi Curtice, Joyce Schicke, Carol Kirst, Calvin Kindred, Sam Taylor, Bob Pryor, Bill Peck, Jane Diekman, Supervisor; Kathi Gere.

Mrs. Evelyn Burris Chairman of the Board	Mr. Robert C. Bienvenu Board Member
Mr. Donald B. Cantwell Board Member	Mrs. Harriet Kirschen Board Member
Mr. Richard Patterson Board Member	Dr. Bert C. Corona Superintendent

Below, Assistant principal Mr. Dan Caton listens diligently to a School-Community Workshop speaker while assistant principal Mr. Jennings checks his notes. Right, Principal Eugene Mould keeps up on the business of administration with a telephone conversation to Central Office. Lower Right, Mr. Walter Baddell discusses graduation requirements and college applications with Lonnie Dickens.



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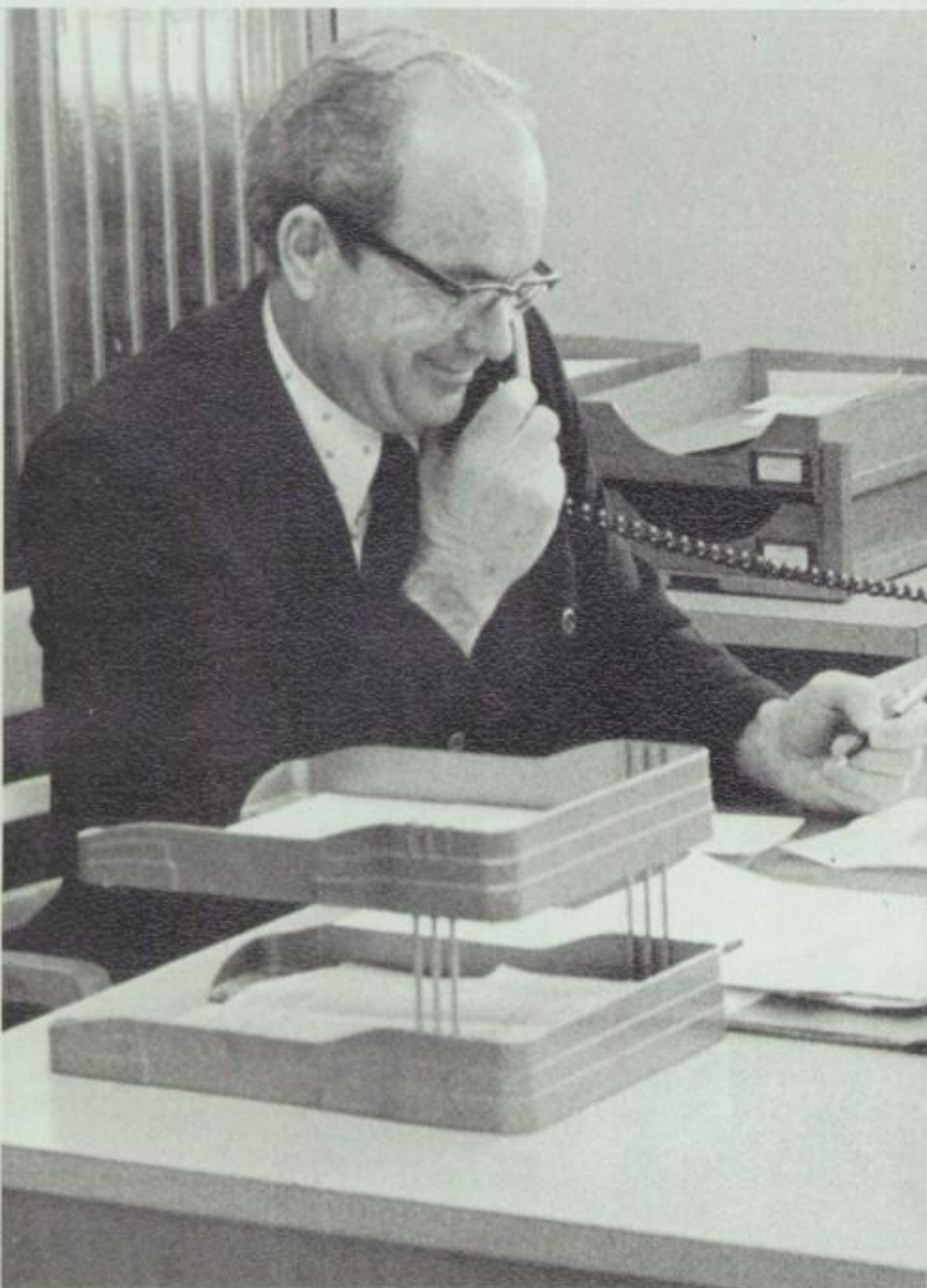
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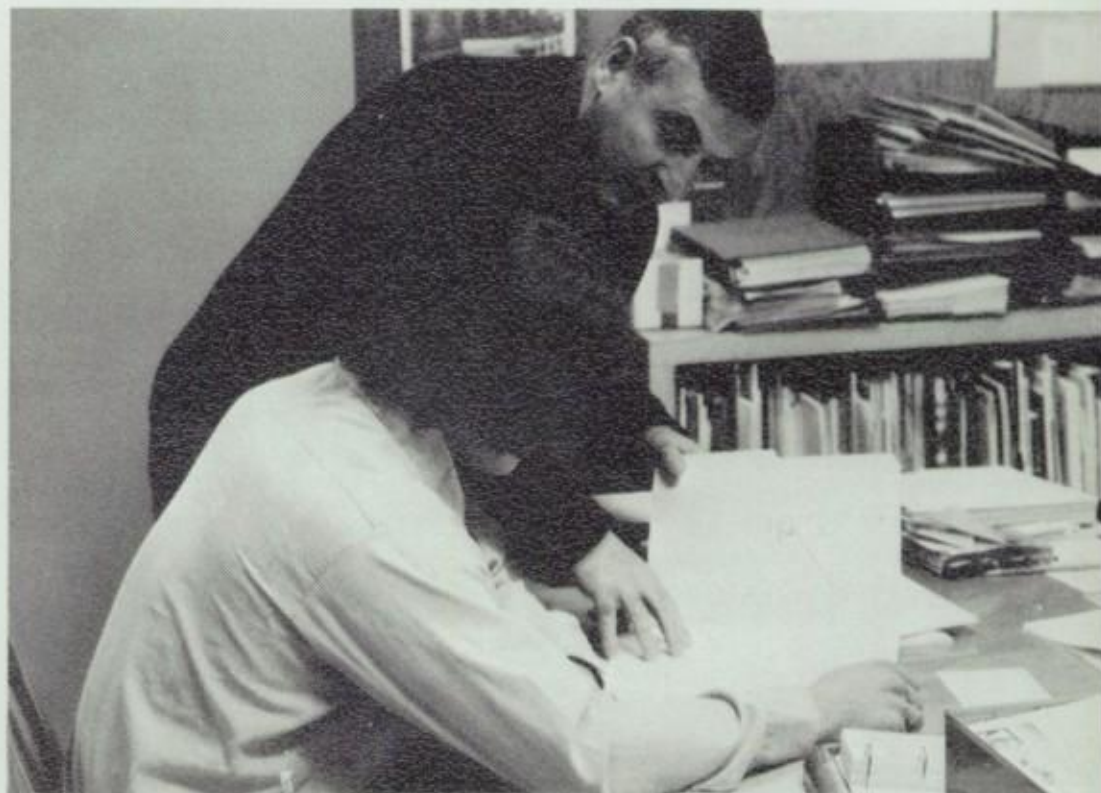
leadership inspires new programs



In order to maintain a smooth flow of operation, both students and faculty depend on the administration to provide leadership and advice. Each year many changes are proposed which will ultimately affect the entire school.

Implemented by the administration this year was a new program involving parents, teachers, administrators, students, and members of the surrounding community. The School-Community Workshop, conducted by Dr. Marie Fielder of the University of California, Berkeley, focused its attention on improving educational opportunities. Workshop sessions held at various times throughout the school year involved everyone in answering the same question, "What should Modesto High School accomplish?" Choosing common goals and proposing solutions, both Committee leaders and participants felt this "grass roots" approach to problem-solving especially benefi-

Important changes require the approval of the Board of Education and their decisions may eventually affect the entire student body. Yet the Central Office administration seems remote and unrelated to most students; it's our own administration and counseling staff who are much closer to student's everyday lives. Counselors not only advise students on what classes to take, or how to rearrange their schedules, but often help students to cope with school pressures and problems. From Mr. Baddell's aid in securing scholarships for college-bound graduates to Mr. Palazuelos' efforts in obtaining part-time jobs and work experience for eligible juniors and seniors, an attitude of helpfulness is always present with these people as they provide uniquely important services to the students of Modesto High



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Dean of Boys
Mr. Dave Laude
Director of
Student Activities

Mrs. Lillian McCall
Dean of Girls
Mr. Manuel Palazuelos
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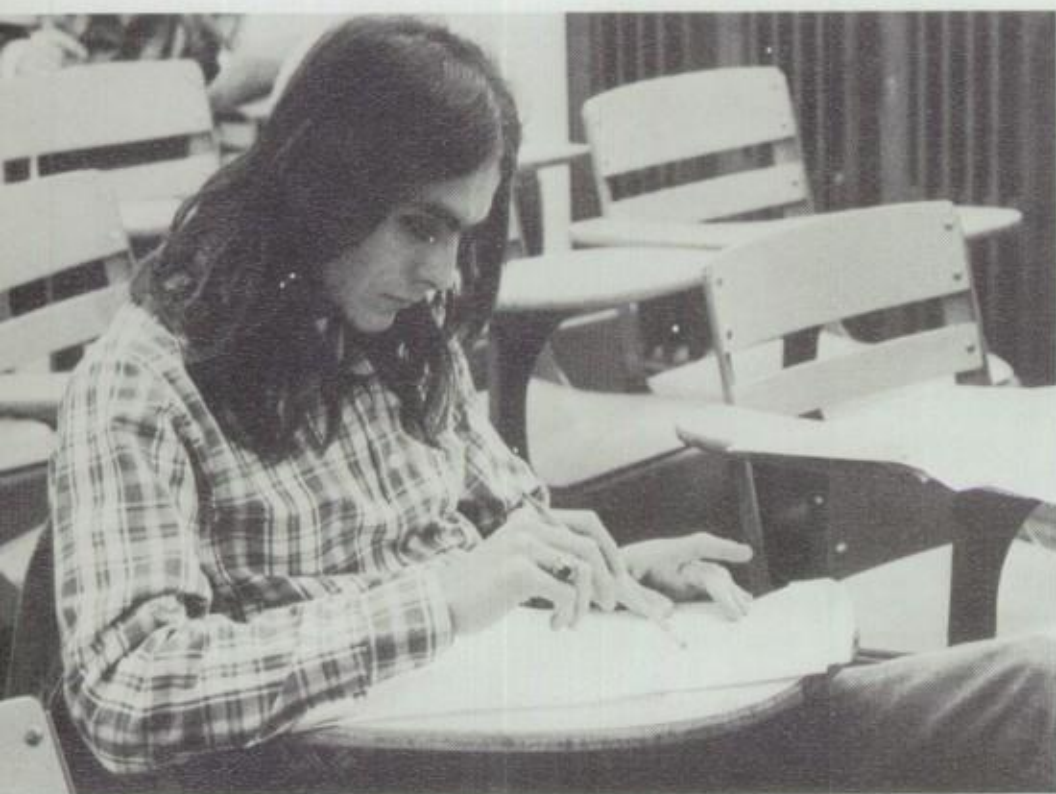
English courses cater to diverse interests

English is the foundation on which our education is built. Since many students are at different levels of ability, the English department offers a wide variety of classes, ranging from freshman English to an in-depth analysis of masterpieces of literature.

The English department is not only the largest department at Modesto High School, but also one of the most productive. This department sponsored the appearance of Sharon Lovejoy in an assembly during the fall semester. Ms. Lovejoy grew up in Modesto and now is a reporter and newscaster for CBS. The assembly was very informative with Ms. Lovejoy providing spontaneous replies to students' questions. Stemming from the English department come four major forms of student publications: *Analecta*, *Broadcast*, *Sycamore*, and the magazine, *This*.

Speech, which is another very important part of the English department, offers students the opportunity to express themselves orally and compete with students from other schools.

Indeed, today's English classes educate today's pupil far beyond the original reading and writing of McGuffey's era.



Mary Baker



Pete Cislo



Pat Durr



Kenneth Williams
English Chairman
Jenise Javaher



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James Kenyon



James Autry
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Mary Ritter

Clinton Rigaud
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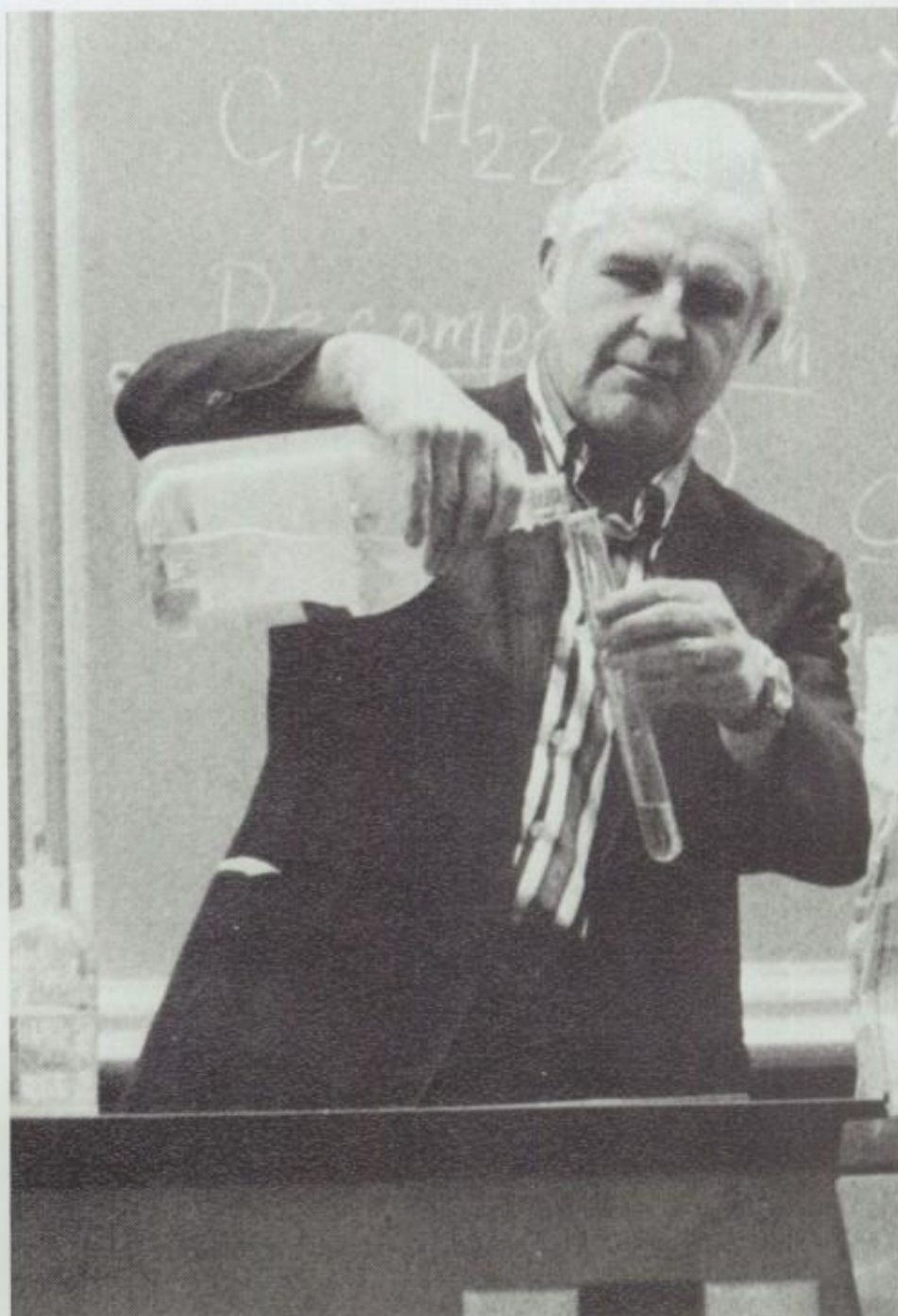
Far Left, Senior John Swift misspells 'Bicentennial' in an expository theme about our nation's two-hundredth birthday. Upper Left, Mr. Ken Williams reads over beginning journalism stories while at company with his favorite pipe. Left, Stationed in the Communications Center, Clinton Rigaud talks over a story with Mike Martin. Top, Ms. Sharron Lovejoy, a newscaster for CBS out of Chicago, talks with students about broadcasting following her appearance at an open forum assembly. Above: Ms. Mary Baker shows correct research paper form to Sandy Hart.

Participation builds learning backbone

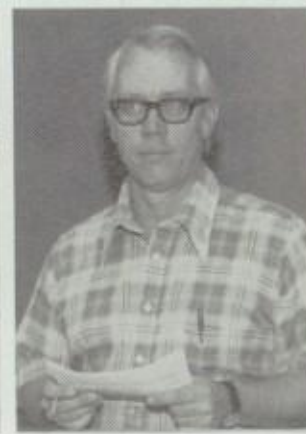
Observing the problem, analyzing solutions, carrying out the method, and checking the results is taught as procedure in math classes but is adapted in every facet of life. Students begin the process of establishing these fundamental principles in their early grades and continually build on them in each of their math classes. The MHS math program provides courses for all ability and interest levels, from basic math through algebra and geometry to analytical geometry.

Science classes explore an area of life that many people know little about but one that affects them more than any other. Students discover many simple phenomena that they've always overlooked before. Science Department Chairman Odell Scott was featured on Channel 13 as he masqueraded as an early philosopher in his class giving first hand lessons from the fathers of ancient theory. Courses in science include health, life science, physical science, biology, chemistry, and physics.

Being the first and foremost occupational field in California, agriculture has a proud tradition. But agriculture has grown to include much more than farming. Students can now take classes in agri-business, agri-chemicals, and many more. With new production ideas and farm procedures agricultural classes must constantly be revising their methods.



Above, Math teacher Louie LaCoste demonstrates the correct solution to one of last Friday's algebra equations. Top, Mr. Odell Scott demonstrates a spill-proof technique as he mixes ammonia with chlorine in his 3rd period Chemistry Class. Right, Giving one of his prize sheep a thorough examination, agriculture major Tom Knox finds her in perfect condition. Far Right, Kelly Lau and P'Andra Ward find that the metric system offers an accurate method of determining the weight of experimental materials.



Edward Gonsalves

Marge Stuhlman
Math Chairman
Louis LaCoste

Diane Dinsmore
Vincent Lane

Bruce Emerson
Kenneth Tisdell

Odell Scott
Science Chairman
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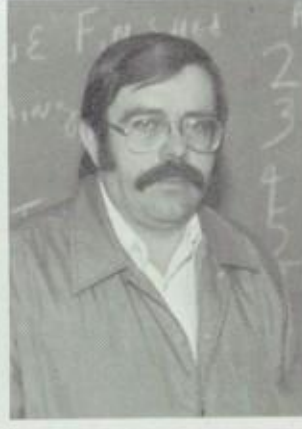


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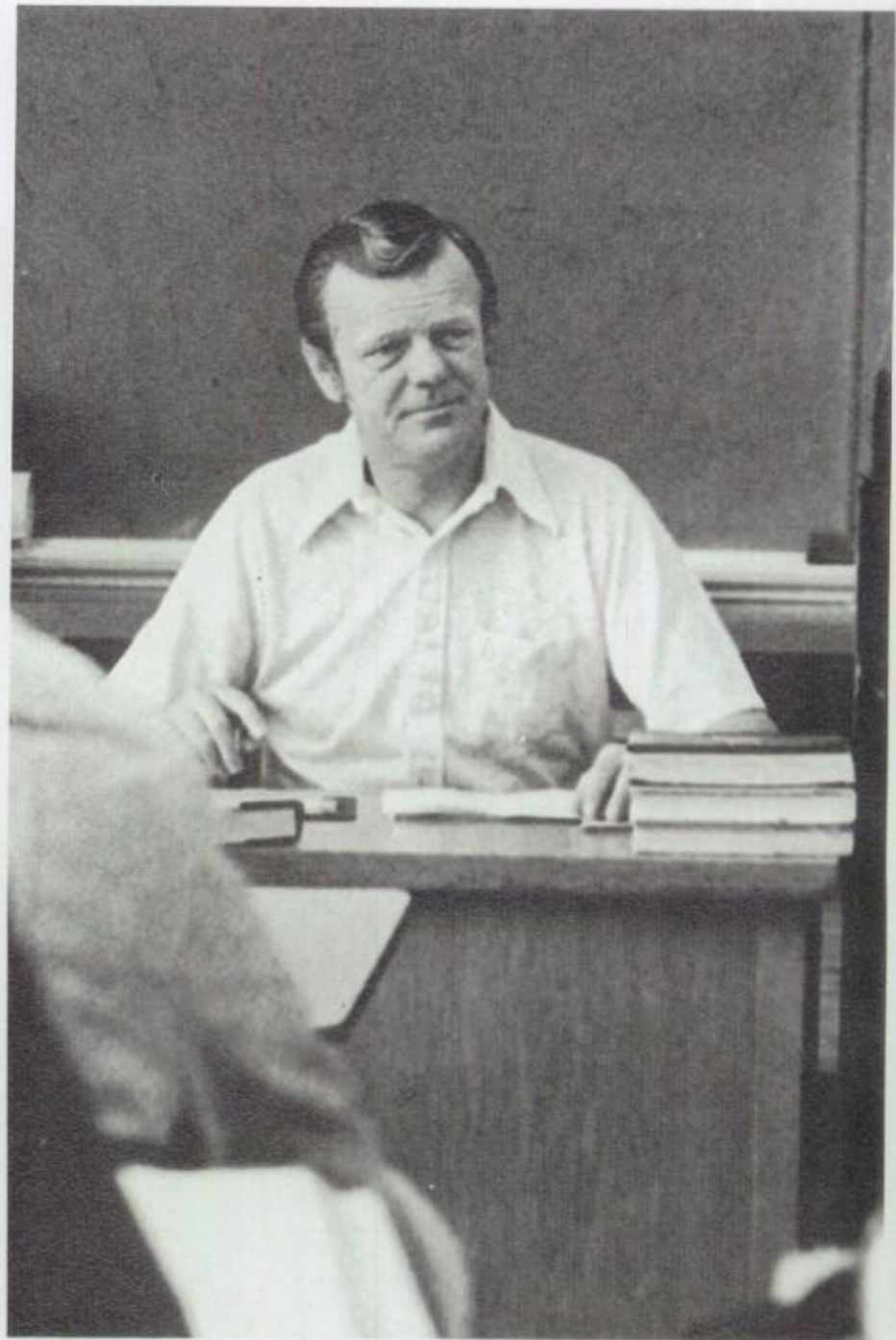
Edison Wong
Loren Nyman



social and cultural awareness stressed

Perhaps the greatest emphasis on the Bicentennial was experienced by students in social studies classes. In general, social studies teachers attempted to inform students of basic American ideals and values. This year however, teachers took advantage of the historical importance of 1976 and devoted much of their time discussing relevant aspects of the past two hundred years.

Since this is a presidential election year and many members of the Senior Class will be eligible to vote in the November election, government teachers wisely offered a spring semester elective entitled Politics '76. In this class, the students learned the basics of campaigning and some of the techniques that politicians use as well as the more memorable campaigns in the history of the United States.



Foreign language, although not a required subject for graduation, is popular among students at Modesto High School. Spanish classes have had by far the largest enrollment, although German and French have enjoyed a substantial number of interested students. Foreign language classes at MHS direct their attention to the grammatical structure, pronunciation, and spelling of the language while offering the more advanced students a chance to explore the great literary works of the respective language.



John Sample
Social Studies Chairman
Loren Horton



Don Adams
Dave Laude



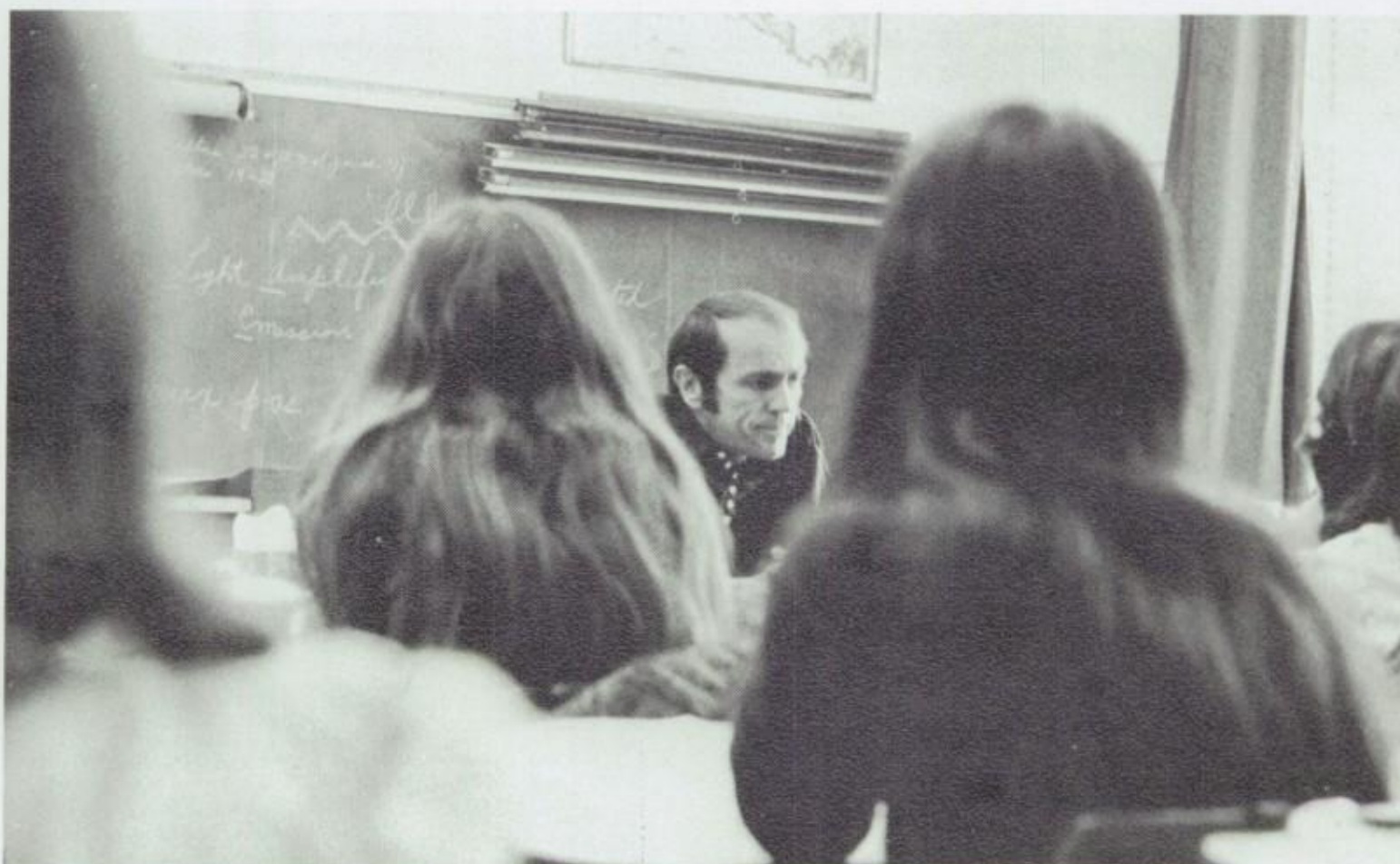
H.L. Clark
Marvin Lundquist



Manuel Gonsalves
John Miller



Dr. David Rancano
John Whitaker



Far Left, Freshman Jolene Kruid signals answer "C" to Crystal Paugh and Chantay Pemberton by a pull on the ear. Left Center, Marvin Lundquist begins an interesting discussion on Central America in his freshman World Geography class. Above, Mr. Loren Horton pauses during his lecture on the War of 1812 to regain his students' full attention. Left, Grammar tests are a part of the daily routine in Miss Denise Walser's French class.

Andrea McGhee
Foreign Language Chairman
Jenise Javaher
Kenneth Tisdell

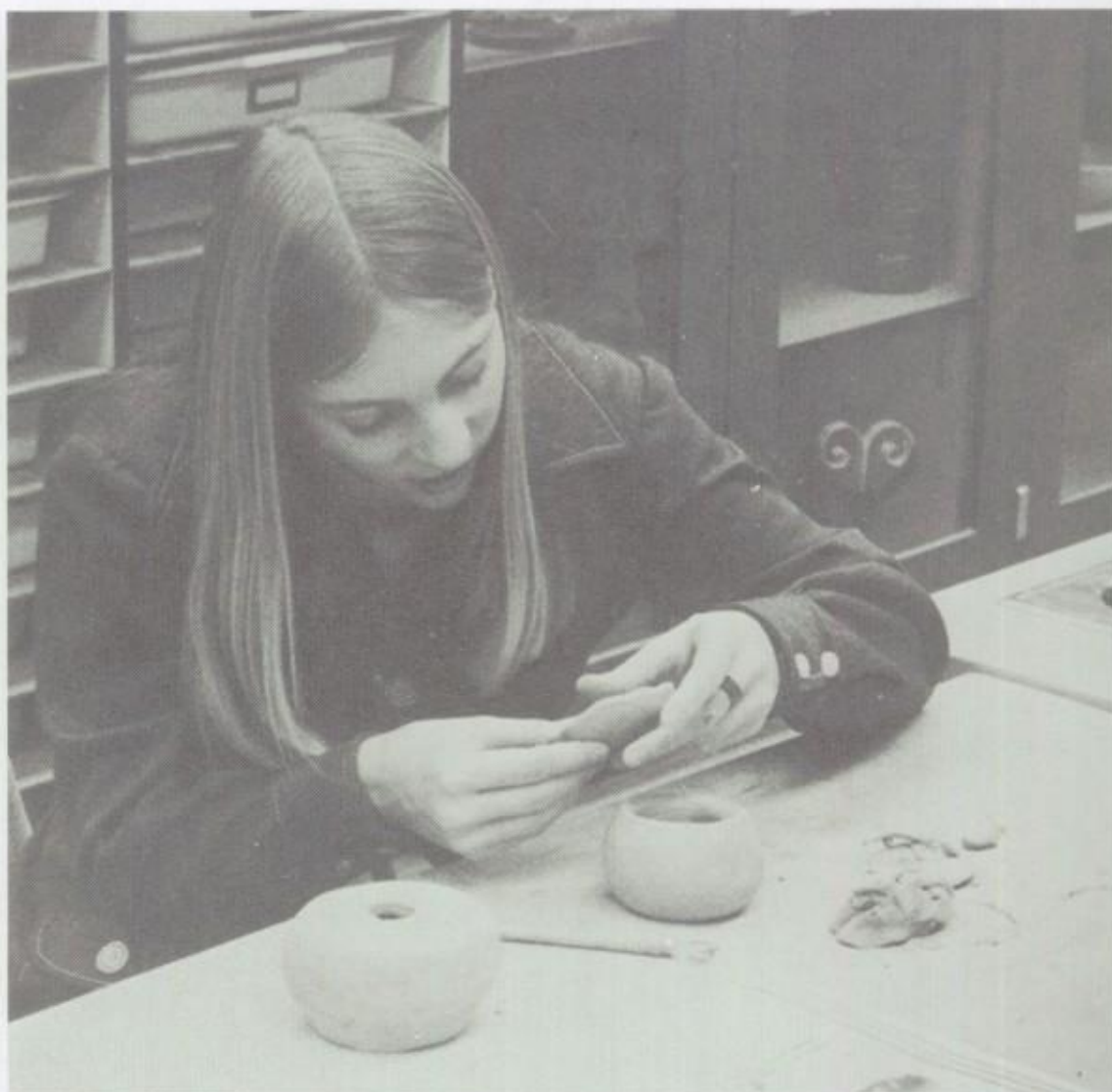
Judy Remmers
Denise Walser

self-expression aids creative development

The stage is set, the audience is waiting with anticipation, and the performers are tensely waiting for their cue. This scene is the final result and probably the best part of the production, but it represents only a small portion of the effort that goes into it. Long hours of drills, rehearsals, and practices are common to the students enrolled in a class in Performing Arts. These subjects draw many students because they learn to express themselves in the cultural arts of today, including acting, dancing, singing, playing musical instruments, and creating compositions with photography.

Art is not merely another class, as many believe, but a creative extension of one's self. Art classes encourage students' originality, imagination, and inventiveness.

Such diverse classes as sculpture and leathercraft are offered by the Art Department, along with drawing and painting, ceramics, jewelry, and commercial art.



Dennis Clark
Performing Arts Chairman
LeRoy Giovannoni
Art Chairman

Gary Runsten
Phyllis Boteler

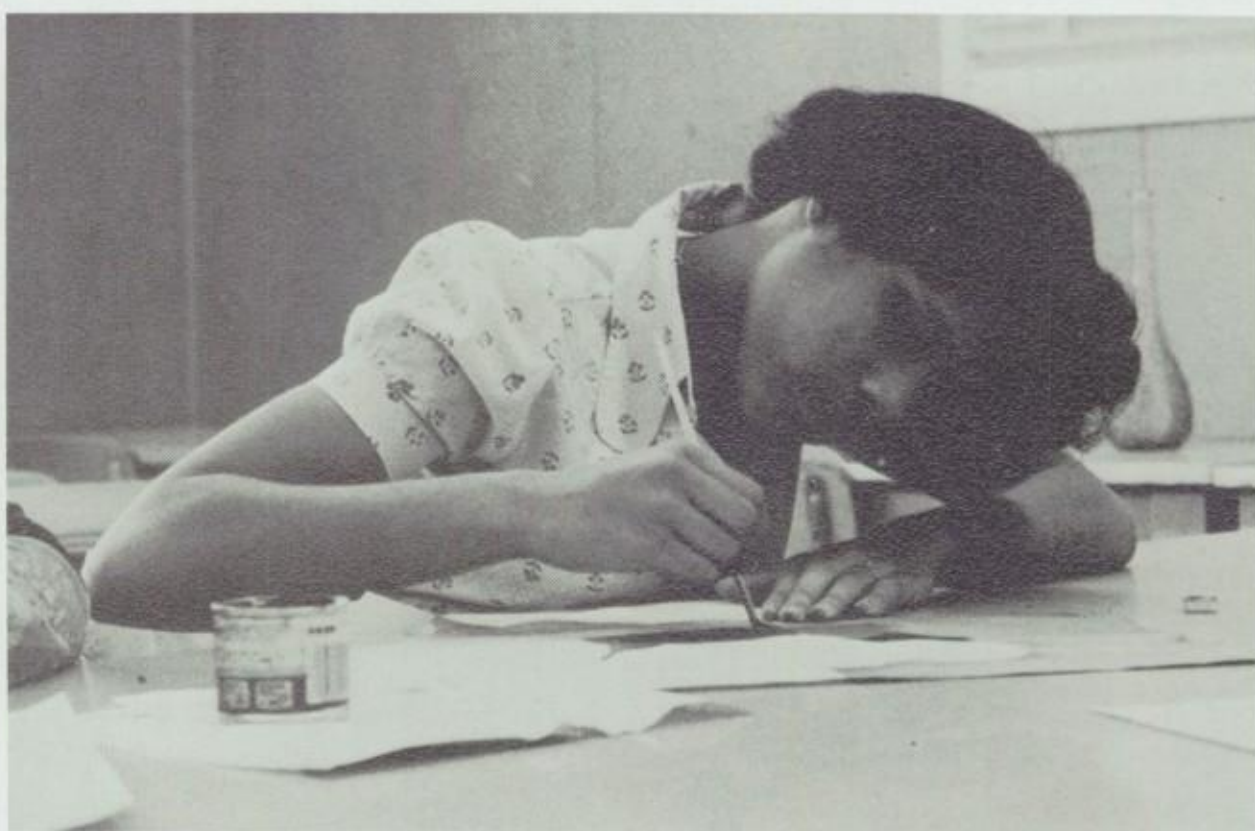
James Shuman
Bob Cole

Paul Tischer
Judy Remmers





Far Left, Val Fisher works on a ceramic project in Mr. Giavanonni's class. **Left**, Portraying Santa Claus in the Twilight Musicale, Scott Ziegler dances in the musical story of the Night Before Christmas, with actors provided by the vocal music department. **Below**, Members of the band devote long hours to rehearsals so that they may play for the enjoyment of students at assemblies and concerts throughout the year. **Lower Left**, Mr. Clark coaxes harmonies from the Concert Choir at a winter assembly. **Lower Right**, Julia Larry works on a painting in Mrs. Boteler's class.



specialized classes improve useful arts

AFJROTC, through the Aerospace classes, gives students an opportunity to experience the prestige of membership in a disciplined organization and at the same time gain practical understanding of flight theory, airplanes, and many other aspects of aerospace.

Teaching such skills as cooking, sewing, knitting, and other types of needlework are the main objectives of the Home Economics department. Until twenty or thirty years ago, most girls were expected to learn such things at home. But with more and more women choosing a professional career each year, and less emphasis being placed on the housewife, many girls are not adequately instructed in the area of home economics until they enter school.

One way of obtaining job placement in today's competitive society is to acquire, first-hand, the skills and experience needed to excel in one's vocation. Modesto High School's Industrial Education department offers vocational classes ranging from wood and metal shops through graphic arts, to electrical and architectural engineering, and from introductory "survey" classes to advanced, two-hour specialization courses.



Richard Finn

Lester Peterson

Vincent Sereno
Industrial Ed. Chairman
Willard Ripley

Harlan Elving
Edison Wong

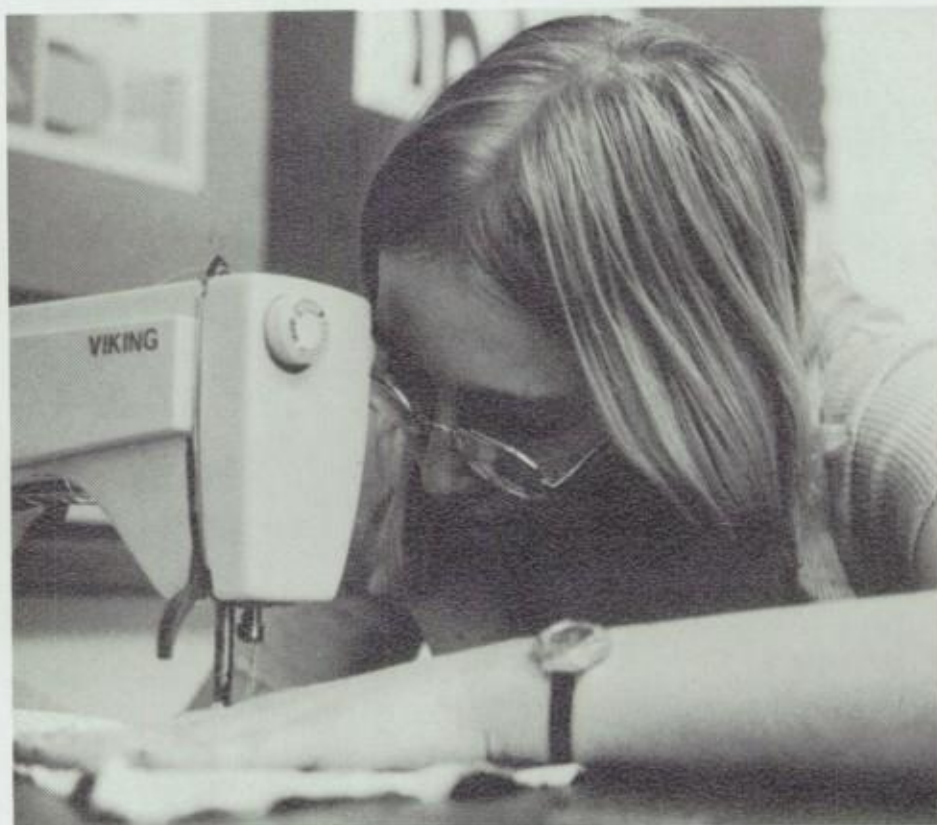
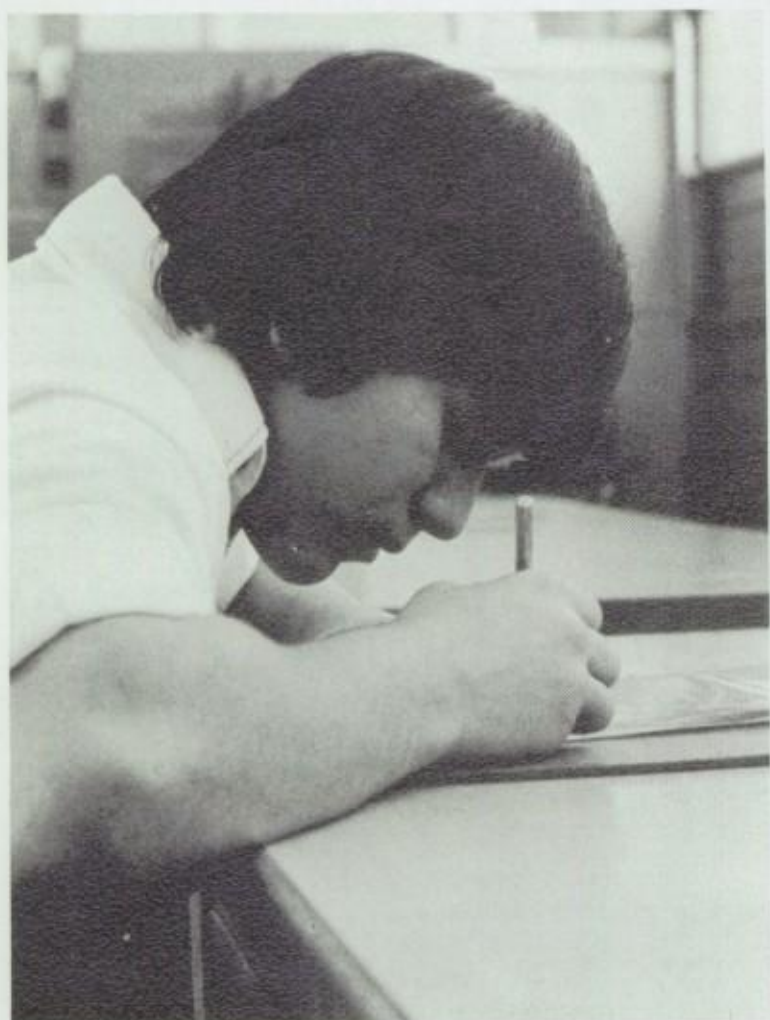
Robert Escobar
William Yard

Dorothy Kem
Home Economics Chairman
Gloria Lopez
Jacob Schales-Aeroscience

Diana Holtz
Judy Remmers
John Babb



Far Left, Mr. Bill Yard helps Joe Tomao rebuild his motorcycle engine. Upper Center, Thi Nhv Ngoc lays out a pattern in the sewing room. Below, ROTC members proudly hoist the Benington flag up the flag pole at the Wednesday morning ceremony. Lower Left, Roger Valasquez utilizes the skills taught to him by Mr. Sereno to cut out a silk-screen project. Lower Right, Intent in her craft, Ginny Shook sews on one of the machines in the sewing room.



Aileene Campbell
Business Chairman
Michael Kiyoi

Marilee Abercrombie
John McCaffery



Diane Dinsmore



Business classes provide students the opportunity to develop fundamental business skills as well as utilize them in the classroom. Classes in typing, shorthand, duplicating, bookkeeping, and business machines are offered with well-equipped facilities for students to gain practical experience in a field which may someday be their profession.

Special Education classes at MHS provide students with basic educational skills which will be useful to them in everyday life, while providing them with an atmosphere of acceptance and positive reinforcement. New this year was the Resource Specialist program which provides students of normal ability but emotional or other problems with counseling, guidance, tutoring, and the motivation to strive for higher academic achievement.

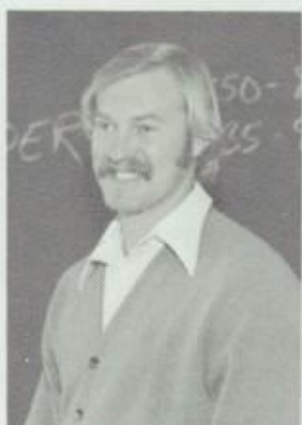
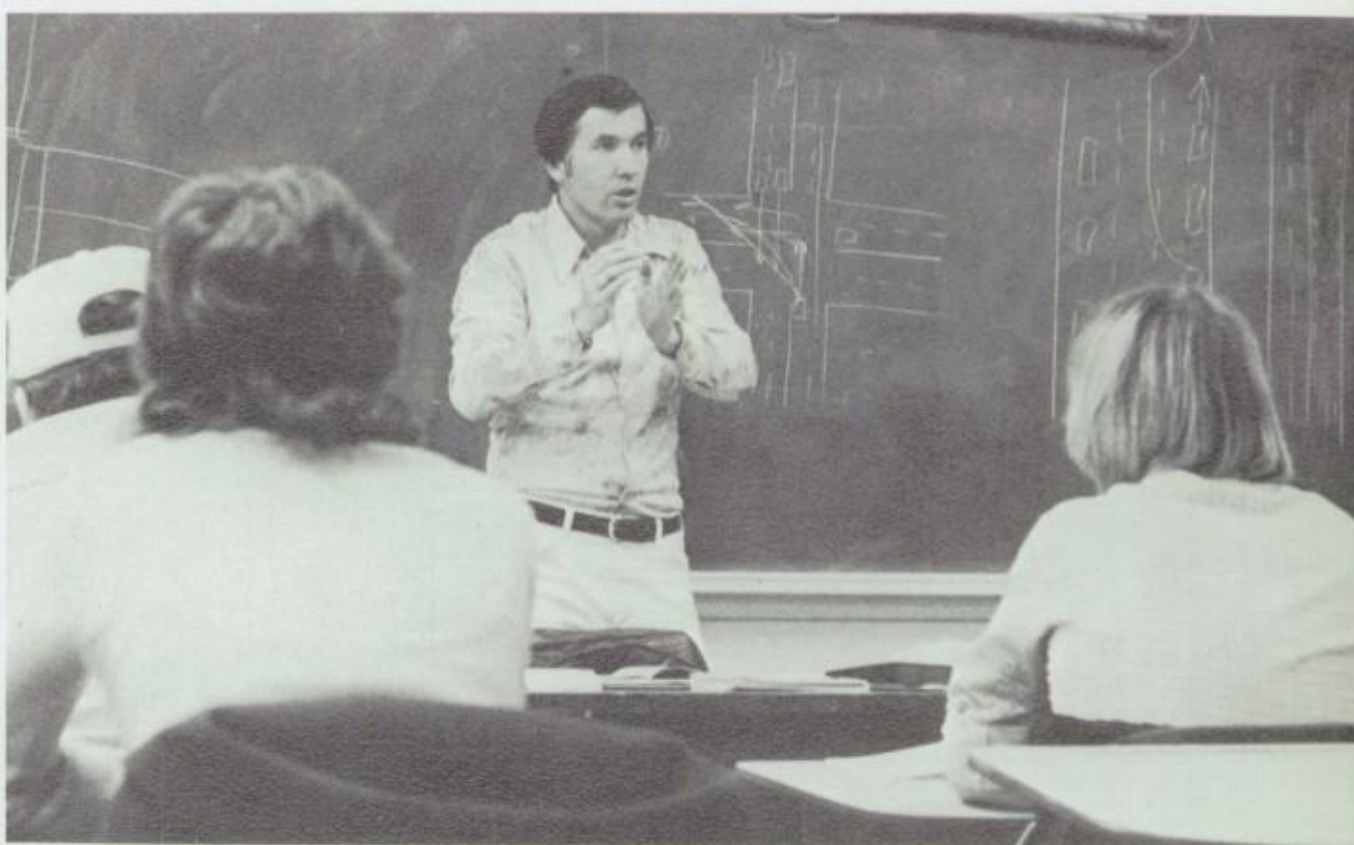
Assisting students in choosing a career, Sophomore Goals offers a course in career planning. Students take aptitude tests which often indicate the type of career they may be successful in. Driver's Education provides students with knowledge of the basic driving rules and traffic laws. Each course is nine weeks in length, with nearly every sophomore enrolled.

**providing students
with basic
educational skills**





Far Left, Sally Corgiat practices dictation from tape recordings in her Shorthand class. Lower Left, Mr. McCaffery shows Debbie Francis an accounting mistake made in her Bookkeeping class. Left, Carl Goodman works on his homework in Mr. Han's special ed. class. Below, Mr. Len Kaiser shows his driver education class the correct way to pass another vehicle.



William Han
Special Education Chairman
Marvin Lambert
Merlin Peterson
Trudy Kamps
Resource Specialist
Chairman
Tyron Farley
Robert Welch

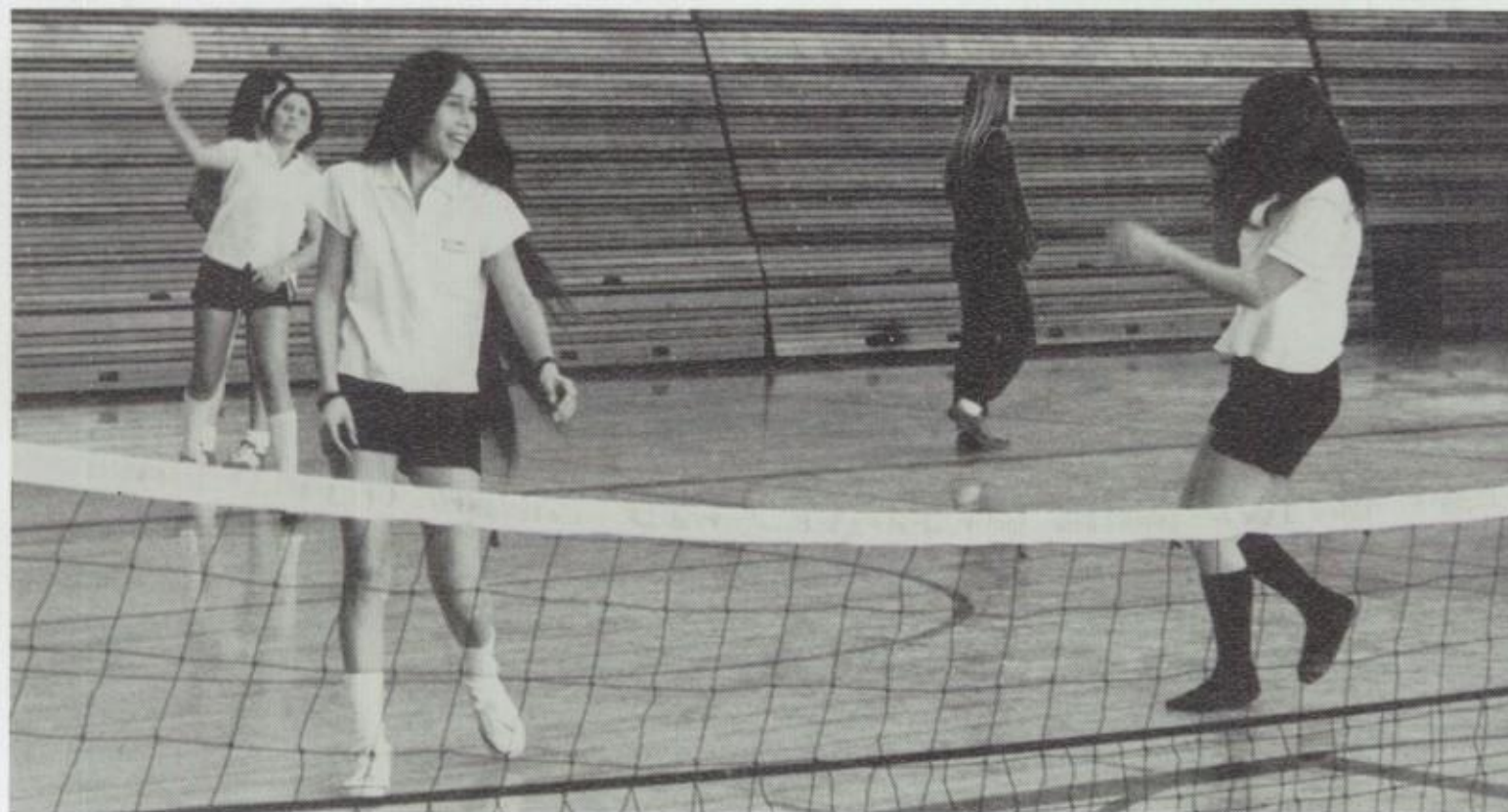
Martin Boer

Leonard Kaiser

fit bodies vital for job opportunities

Maintaining a physically fit body is important to a student's success in school. Developing and strengthening physical attributes as well as exercising mental capacities give teenagers a well-rounded schedule. An assortment of activities are listed as PE electives, including coed PE and students choose classes that best suit their interests. The question of whether PE should be required for Juniors and Seniors has caused much discussion among students, teachers, administrators, and Board Members, with the final decision still in the future.

Since a college education no longer guarantees a job, many students find early attempts at exploring the job market a better gamble. Beginning with vocational training on campus with specialized classes and ROP courses such as horse management, business, health careers, food service, accounting, commercial art, cosmetology, and advertising arts, they may continue with on-the-job training acquired through the Career Center. Part-time jobs are also available through the Career Center for those students who need extra spending money. In one way or another the Career Center can be an aid to every student.



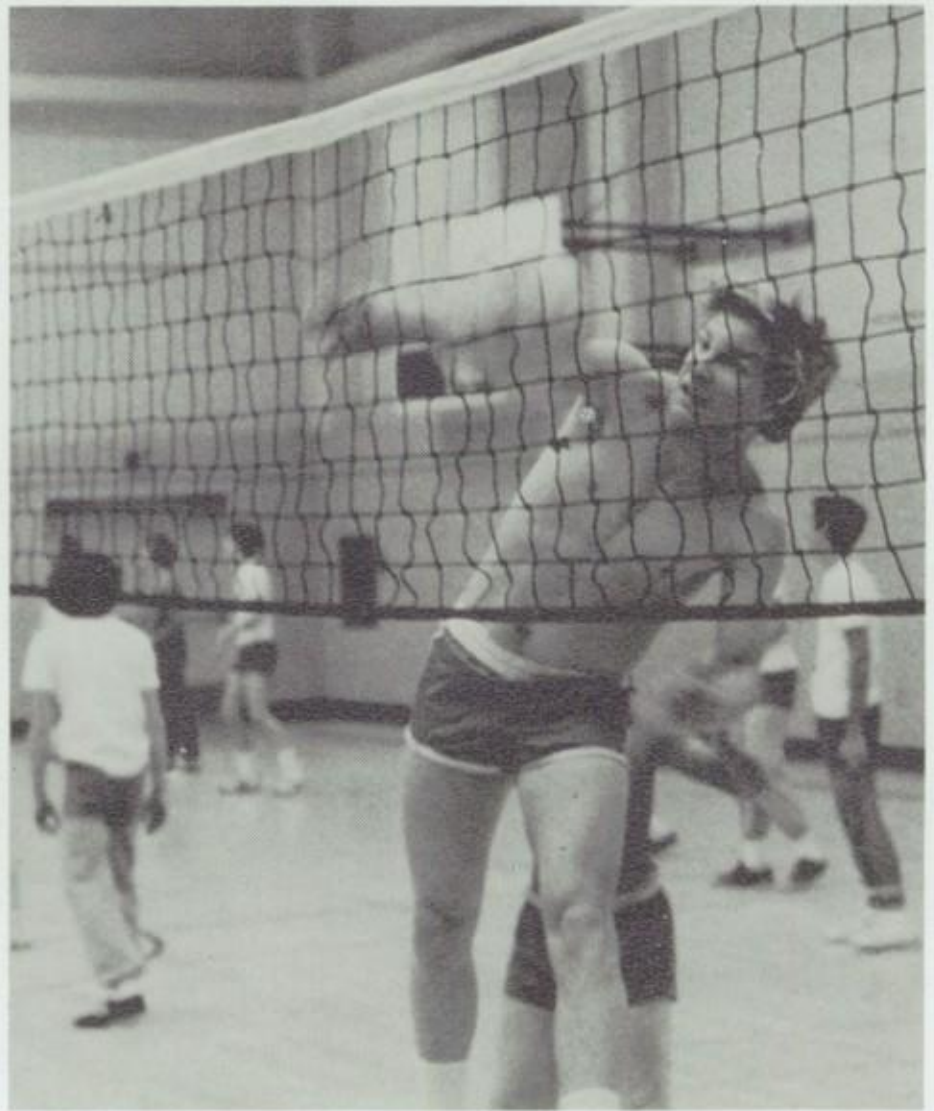
Above, Girls PE students Goria Catzalco and Esther Flores play a friendly game of volley-tennis. **Upper Left**, Gordon Lucy tightens the halter on a horse in his horse management class held at Maddox Stables. **Upper Center**, Annie Larry bags groceries at Alpha-Beta for her work experience class. **Far Upper Right**, Curtis Long, Alan Dezzani, Billy Applegate, and Brian Cooper prepare to join Tim Wadlington and Joe Gregory in an exciting game of football during their General PE class. **Far Lower Right**, Mike Forrest drives the volleyball back over the net to return a serve in the boys' gym.



Carolyn Booth

Joanne Henry

Manuel Palazuelos
Work Experience Specialist
Dolores Killam
Girls' PE Chairman
Yvonne Wilson



Herb Poddig
Boy's PE Chairman
LeRoy Giovannoni

Paul Abby
Darrell Hull

Martin Boer
Leonard Kaiser

friendly faces provide neighborliness

In every school there are many efficient and hard-working secretaries. Their duties far exceed typing the daily schedules and special bulletins, entailing everything from directing lost freshmen to class to helping seniors with scholarship applications.

One way to insure a healthy mind is through a healthy body. Providing well-balanced meals in the cafeteria and an assortment of hot and cold food and drinks is the main responsibility of the food service staff.

Not only do the custodians and groundsmen of MHS maintain a safe and sanitary campus, they also offer help and advice in student activities. Setting up the public address systems during rallies and assemblies and providing the students and teachers with tools and equipment have made these people friendly to know and work with.

Transportation for the out-of-town student is completely dependable, thanks to the cheerful and conscientious attitude of the men and women who drive our school busses. For many students, the half-hour ride each way has become a pleasant part of their social activities.



Above, Busdrivers: Ray Huckabay, Dale Keirn, Lee Ogburn, Bob White, Paul Fernandes, Joe Shbala, Naomi Howerton, Bill Welher, Chuck Toca, Joe Ibarra.



Velma Alderson
Title I Aid

Cindy Bates
Title I Aid

Marie Azparren
Special Aid
Rachel Perez
Special Aid
Hazel Bates
Title I Aid

Antoinette Jackson
Special Aid
Fredrica Thomas
Special Aid
Eddie Bolden
Title I Aid

Rodney Owen
Special Aid
Bertha West
Special Aid
Polly Cowings
Title I Aid

Marcy Matson
Principal's Secretary
Clara Hansen
Title I Clerk



Stashia Elliot
English Department
Secretary
Elaine Hoover
bookkeeper



Sharon Fujii
Bookroom Clerk



Frances Goularte
School Clerk
and Receptionist



Far Left, Custodial Staff: Front Row, George Souza, Bill Thomas, Ken Bobby, Ruth McNatt, Virginia Armenta, Jewell De Jong. **Middle Row,** Frank Rowton, Head Custodian; Don Peters, Bladimiro Rodriguez, Robert Sanders, Rufus Herring, Joe Morales, Ed Trapp, Rudy Conway, Night Shift Supervisor. **Top Row,** Leroy Butler, Clyde Roden, Owen Gray, Paul Van Houten.

Below, Cafeteria Staff: Front Row, Elsie Silveira, Kathryn Corda. **Second Row,** Lena Walker, Pat Hildreth, Barbara Taylor, assistant manager; Seletha Maines, manager; Lucille Thompson, Alice Souza. **Back Row,** Jean Lewis, Virginia Antonio, Mary Ann Duroy, Judy Stroud, Sandy Orique, Helen Calabrese, Lillian Frod, Mary Carpenter. Not pictured, Evelyn Tinkle.



Alene Lander
Attendance Clerk
Darleen Meiselman
Data Processing Clerk
Aspasia Kontgas-CETA

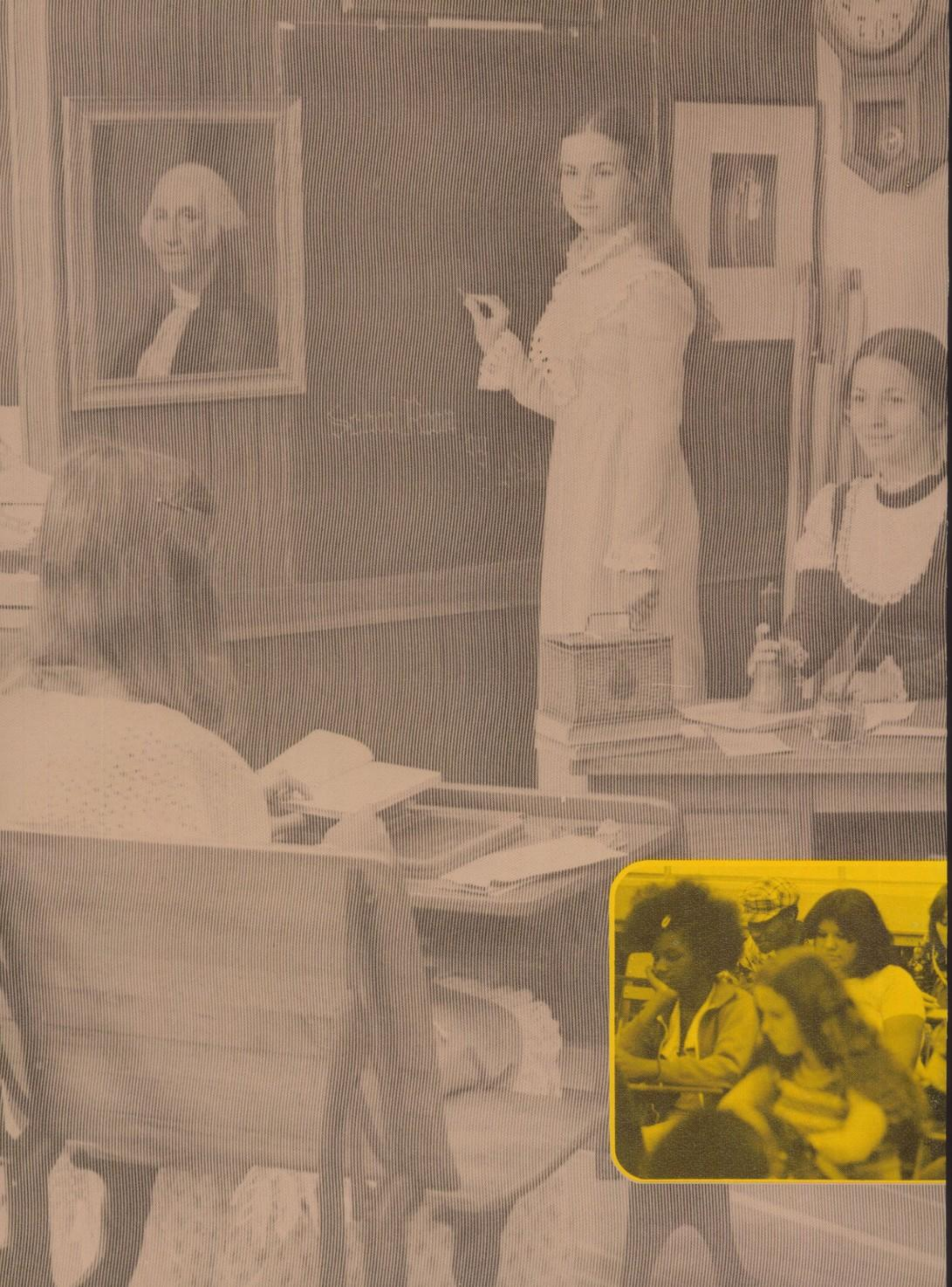
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Counseling Secretary
Jo Merchant
Assistant Librarian
Sally Lawson
Title I Aid

Lucille Paul
Records Clerk
Essie Mauldin
Hall Supervisor

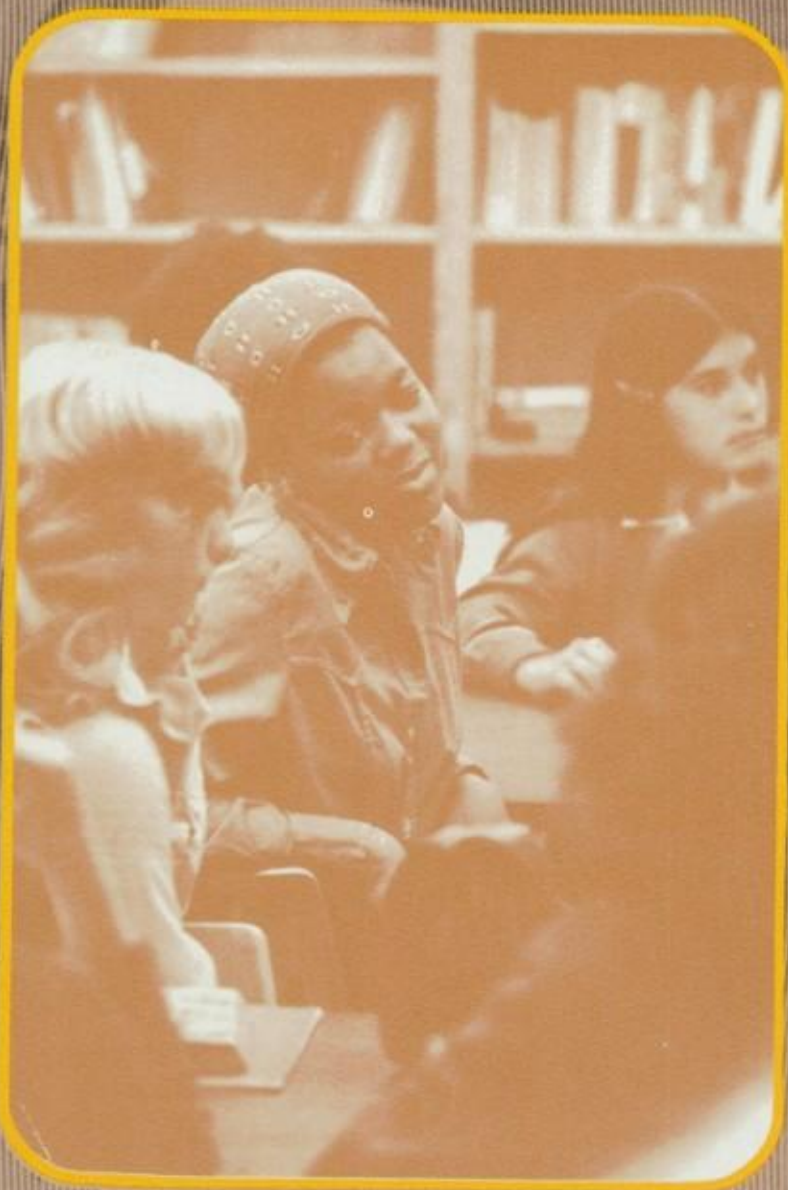
Beve Streeter
Career Center Assistant
Olga Ortega-VEA

Karen Van Sandt
School Secretary
Michelle Quillen-CETA

Karen Washler
Work Experience Secretary
Ursula Spafford
Title I Aid



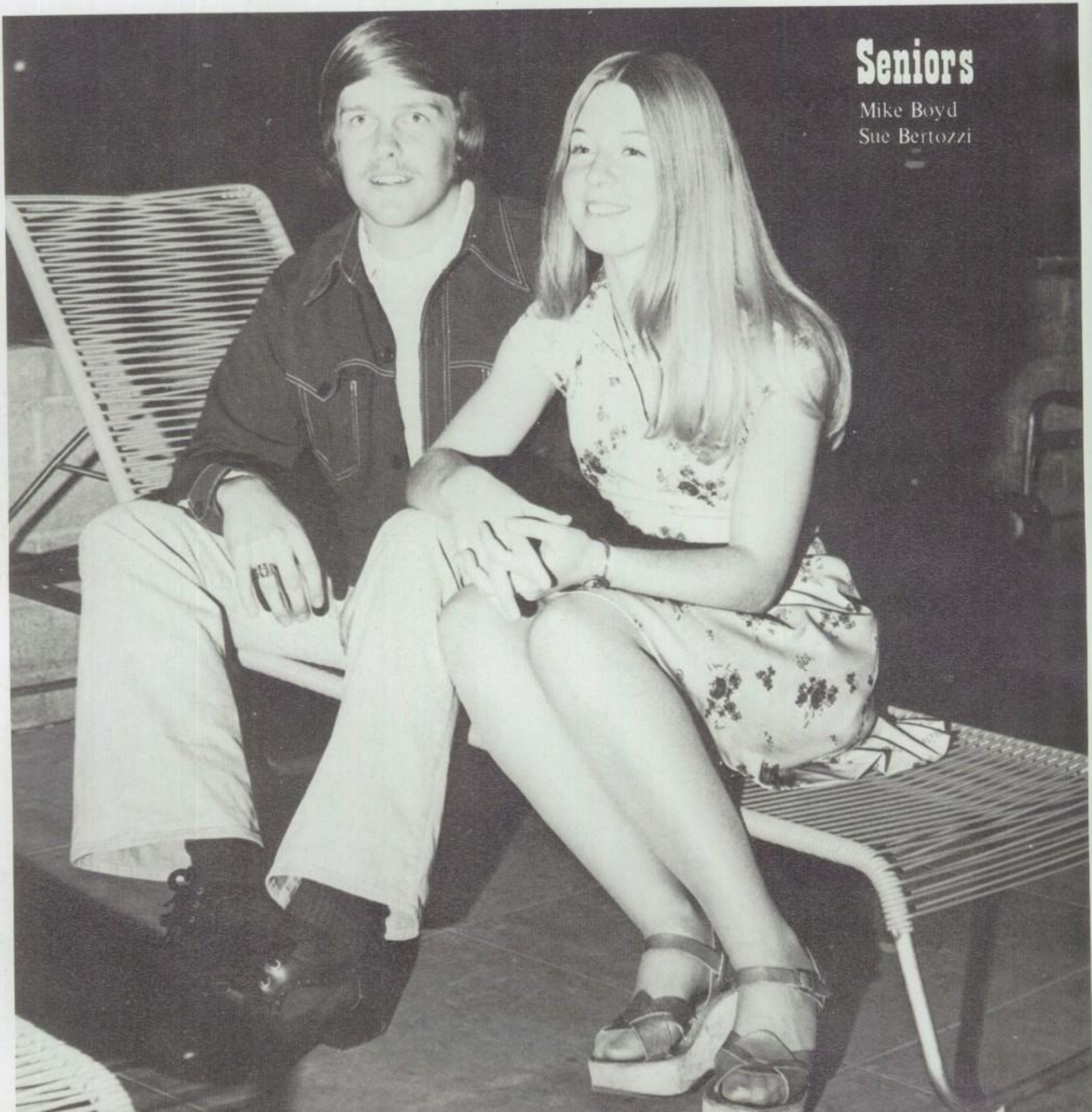
*'the separate and equal station to
which the laws of nature entitle them'*



Classes



Freshmen Mary Gomez
Tony Quinn



Seniors

Mike Boyd
Sue Bertozzi



Sophomores

Jaylene Tuggle
Mike Cardoza



Juniors

Eddie Perez
Chris Fisher

best all-arounds exemplify qualities of notable characteristics

Selecting Best All-Arounds has long been a tradition of showing honor and distinction at Modesto High School. While each student excels in at least one field of endeavor, Best All-Arounds possess a combination of many desirable characteristics.

Using a process which included most of the student body, the selections are believed to satisfy the majority. Balloting was done in World Geography, American History, Government, Health Ed, Career Planning, and Drivers Ed classes. Best All-Arounds were chosen on the basis of such fine qualities as friendliness, leadership,

involvement, intelligence, personality, and spirit.

Best All-Arounds for 1976 are Freshmen Tony Quinn and Mary Gomez; Sophomores Mike Cardoza and Jayleen Tuggle; Juniors Eddie Perez and Chris Fisher; and Seniors Mike Boyd and Sue Bertozzi.

In spite of an annual attack of being called "just another popularity contest," the prestige of being selected Best All-Around for your class continues to be an honor that many secretly hope to achieve.

years at MHS developed maturity and

Concluding four years of experience and growth, members of the Class of 76 recalled their years at Modesto High School as a time for finding ways to express individualism and personal beliefs, and look forward to the future with hope and assurance that their lives would be profitable, feeling ready for independence and responsibility, they faced an uncertain future as aware and mature adults.

As freshmen they entered MHS as individuals, but with determination to unite and develop into a class to be remembered for its outstanding spirit and enthusiasm. As the first year progressed, students overcame their apprehensions and conflicts to begin the arduous job of becoming a class sure of its place at MHS.

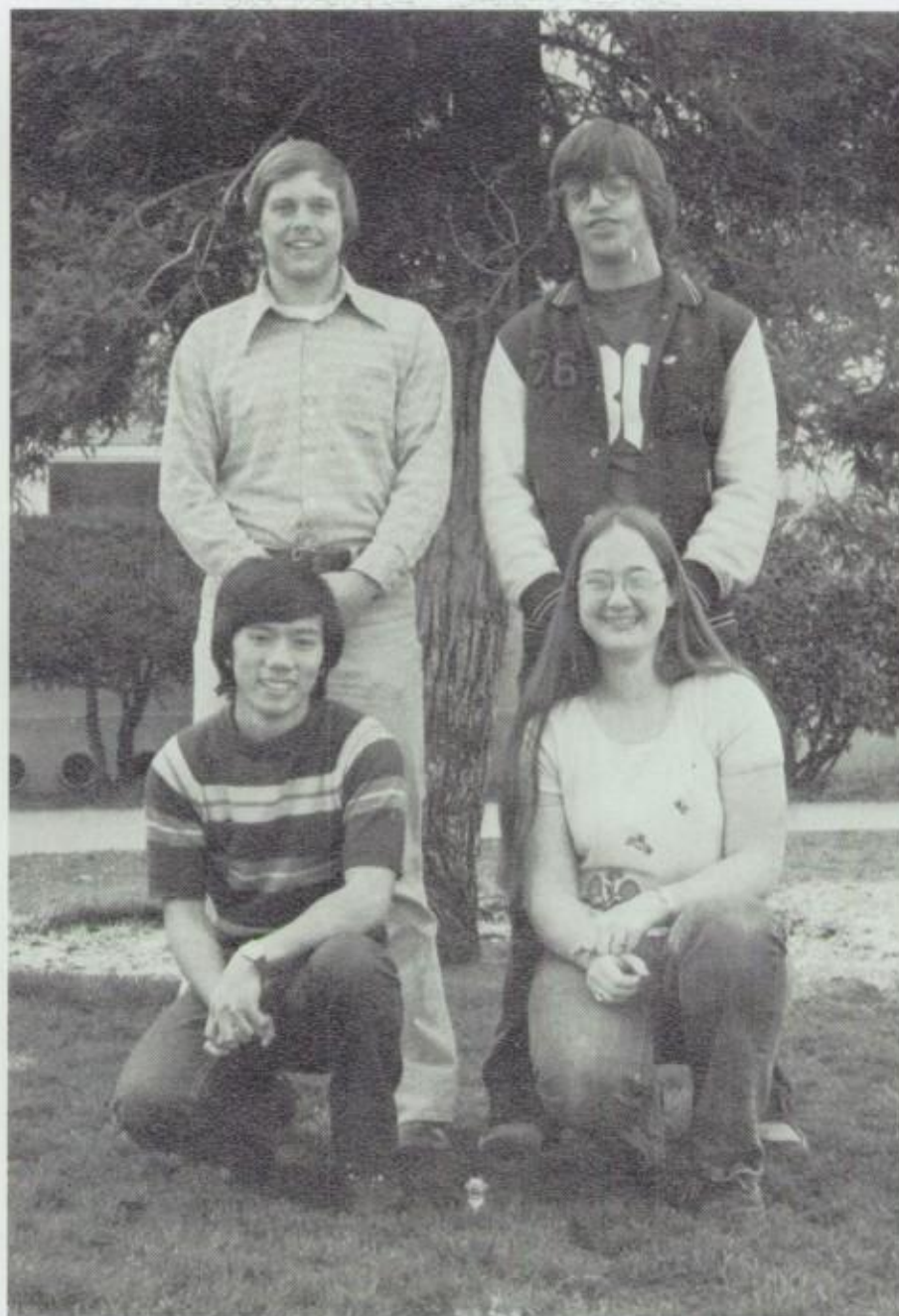
Proving themselves capable, they won possession of the Pep-O-Meter from their very first rally, and continued to display spirit and enthusiasm to the end of their senior year. During both their freshman and sophomore years, they combined their talents and drive to claim the best float award at the Inter-High Parade.

Money raising efforts were their major concern during the sophomore year. Bake sales, date books, and selling balloons at football games were some of the projects undertaken in order to boost their financial security. Working together, they sponsored "Color My World," one of the most highly attended April Love dances remembered, and proving that the "Spirit of 76" is one that is noted for greatness.

Filled with vigor and eagerness, their junior year was another successful accomplishment at MHS. Becoming noted for the quality in its productions, activities



ndividualism

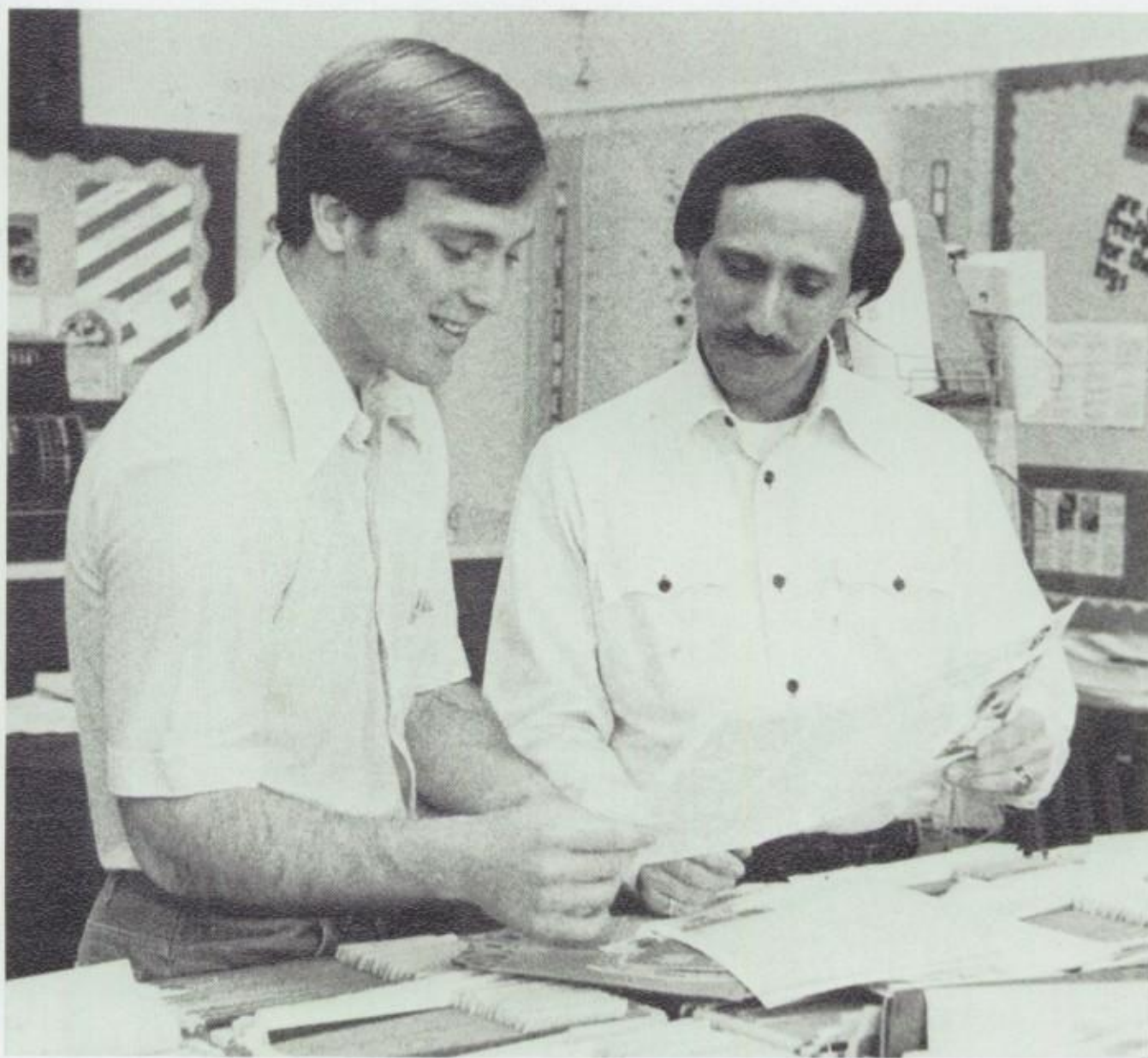


Far Left, Adela Gonzales, Lori Braden, Gayle Chadwick, Renee Butler, Phil Owen, John Miller, and Mike Boyd listen intently to a reading of the Canterbury tales Prologue in Mrs. Baker's Masterpieces class. Left, Spring Senior Class officers, Danny Lau, treasurer; Joni Strohm, representative; Mike Boyd, president; Tom Johnson, vice president. Far Lower Left, Chris Costin acquires a new sense of citizenship and responsibility as Mr. John Whitaker registers him as an eligible voter. Lower Center, Fall Senior Class Officers, Sylvia Ott, vice president; Andrea Menghetti, representative; Mike Nelsen, president; Steve Howell, treasurer. Below, Senior Advisors, Mr. Studebaker, Mrs. McGhee, Mrs. Baker, and Mr. Whitaker.



Below, Student aide, Chris McDonald prepares a clever response while listening to one more fantastic story invented to avoid receiving a tardy by Parry Salsi. **Right**, Sue Bertozzi eagerly listens to Sue Vincent as she relates the explicit details of her usual Saturday night experience. **Far Right**, Dennis Lyons receives assistance from Work Experience Counselor, Manuel Palazuelos in his search for a job. **Lower Right**, Gary Vail, Dave Marconett, Reneee Butler, Irina Turner, and Rose Presto, wait in line at the student body office to pay for their deposit for their trip to Walt Disney's World of fantasy. **Lower Left**, Andrea Menghetti suggests a picture possibility for the senior section as Leanne Van Duyn tries to imagine how it would look on the page.





**Pay Disney-
Land Deposit
HERE!**



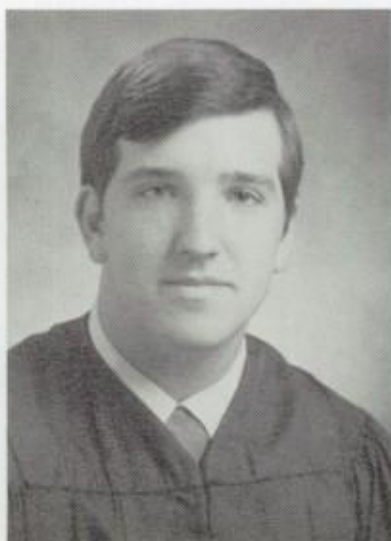
graduating seniors face an uncertain future

sponsored by the Class of 76 were anticipated by the student body with the knowledge that they would be guaranteed an event worth attending. Pooling talent, spirit, and effort, they produced the Junior-Senior Prom, "We May Never Pass This Way Again," at the Elks Lodge, said to be one of the best proms in MHS history.

As seniors they returned for their final year at MHS, not knowing exactly what to expect in their role as student leaders, but assured that they would now be free to develop their individual plans for the future along with their growing responsibilities—Fund-raising activities culminated in the senior dinner, with proceeds defraying the costs of the Disneyland Trip and Senior Memorial.

Putting the thought of graduating and leaving MHS in the back of their minds with the feeling that this step in life was still far in the future, the weeks and days drew closer to June 11, 1976 and the starting realization that their time to leave MHS had come. Although their years at Modesto High School had ended, those days will remain alive in the memories of the Class of 76.

Jon Kimmal
3.963



Tom Knox
3.895



Sylvia Ott
3.895



Janice Brink
3.872
Margaret Haw
3.861



Above, Danny Lau gathers some information for a Physics assignment. Through many long hours of study spent at the library, Danny has become a top honor student.



Susan Bertozzi
3.842



Joni Strohm
3.824



Leanne Van Duyn
3.795



Danny Lau
3.854
Mike Boyd
3.778

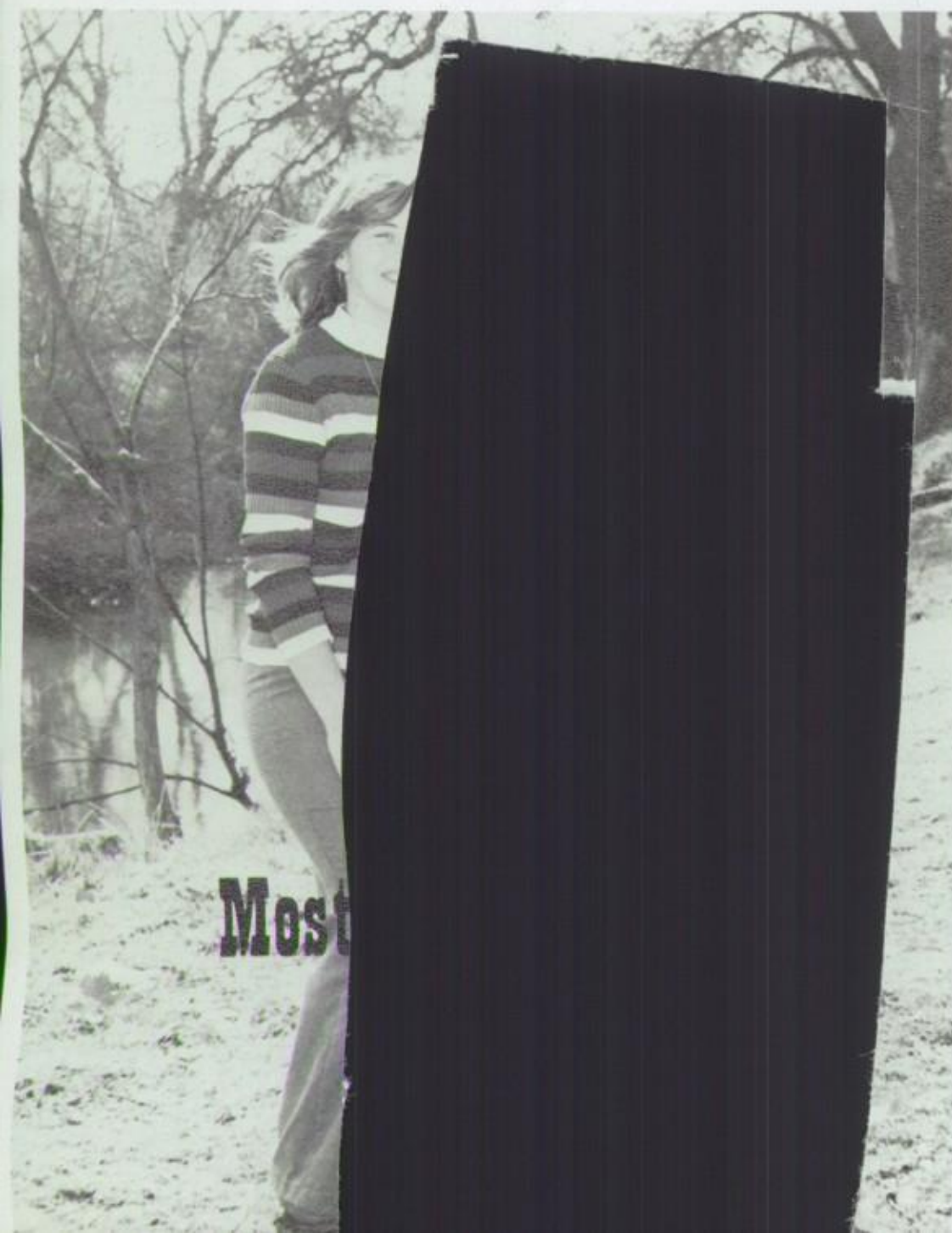
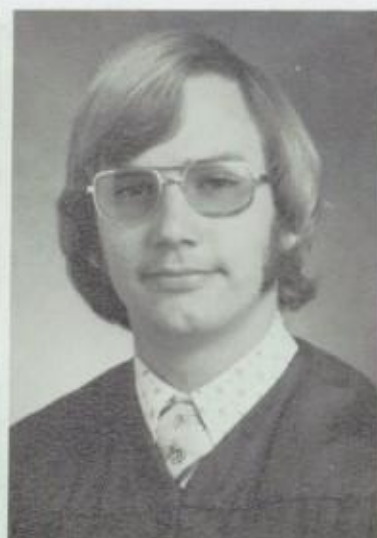
Steven Miller
3.755
Sue Vincent
3.700

Joanne Ehresman
3.745
Jody Paull
3.684

Anibal Beasley
3.737
Janet Rocha
3.676

Edgar Munn
3.733
Sally Corgiat
3.632

Leslie Lee
3.722
Kim Criswell
3.622



dedication is key to successful education

Drive, determination, and dedication are needed to achieve the highly desired recognition of scholastic excellence, an honor many strive for yet only a few achieve.

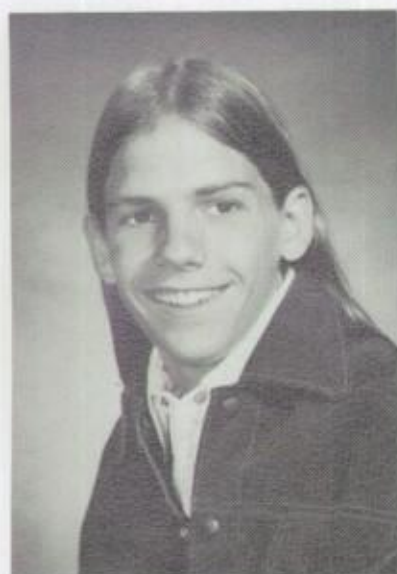
The 20 students with the highest grade point averages at Modesto High School are led by a three-year graduate, Jon Kimmal, with a GPA of 3.963. These students met and overcame many obstacles in their efforts to be successful in their education. Many others seeking scholastic achievement found the struggle too difficult or were reluctant to strive hard enough. A sense of drive and determination will be often required in the future as they encounter the obstacles of life.

The future lies unsure for these individuals, as for all students, but relating what they have learned at school, combined with their hopes and dreams and adjustments to the realities of life, they hold the key to success.

“recalling initiation of lasting friendships”

The Class of Seventy Six: five words which stand for pride, dignity, loyalty, unity, spirit, and an endless array of good times. And yet, with the realization of graduation, we concluded—with a sense of disbelief—that those good times were finally coming to an end. As America's Bicentennial anniversary drew near, June 11, 1976 marked the completion of high school instruction, tradition, and experiences for the Class of Seventy Six. As we relived each moment of high school, we hoped that somehow, our adult lives, which stood ready and waiting before us, would be just as full—perhaps even more so—of the happy and fun-filled times we had encountered.

Recalling the initiation of lasting friendships, we traveled a sentimental journey back to September 11, 1972; we first walked through the doors and down the halls of MHS and noticed a new breed of people. Different sizes, different shapes, different races, colors, religions, different beliefs, and different personalities. Nevertheless, with all our differences, we were able to find things held in common and thus started lasting relationships, in both love and camaraderie.



Dave Abel
Martha Alvarado

Elizabeth Ables
Anita Alvarez

Lucas Alberto
Martha Anaya

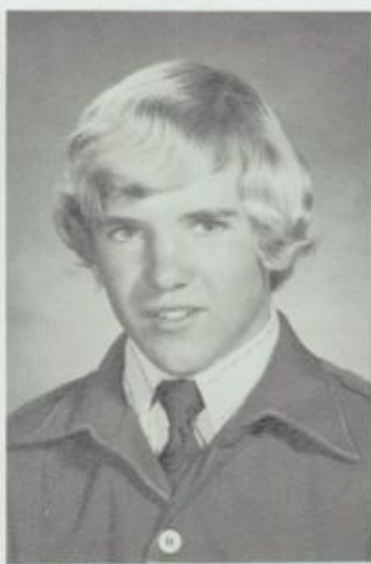
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Martin Ascencio



Sheila Anderson
Janet Ashford



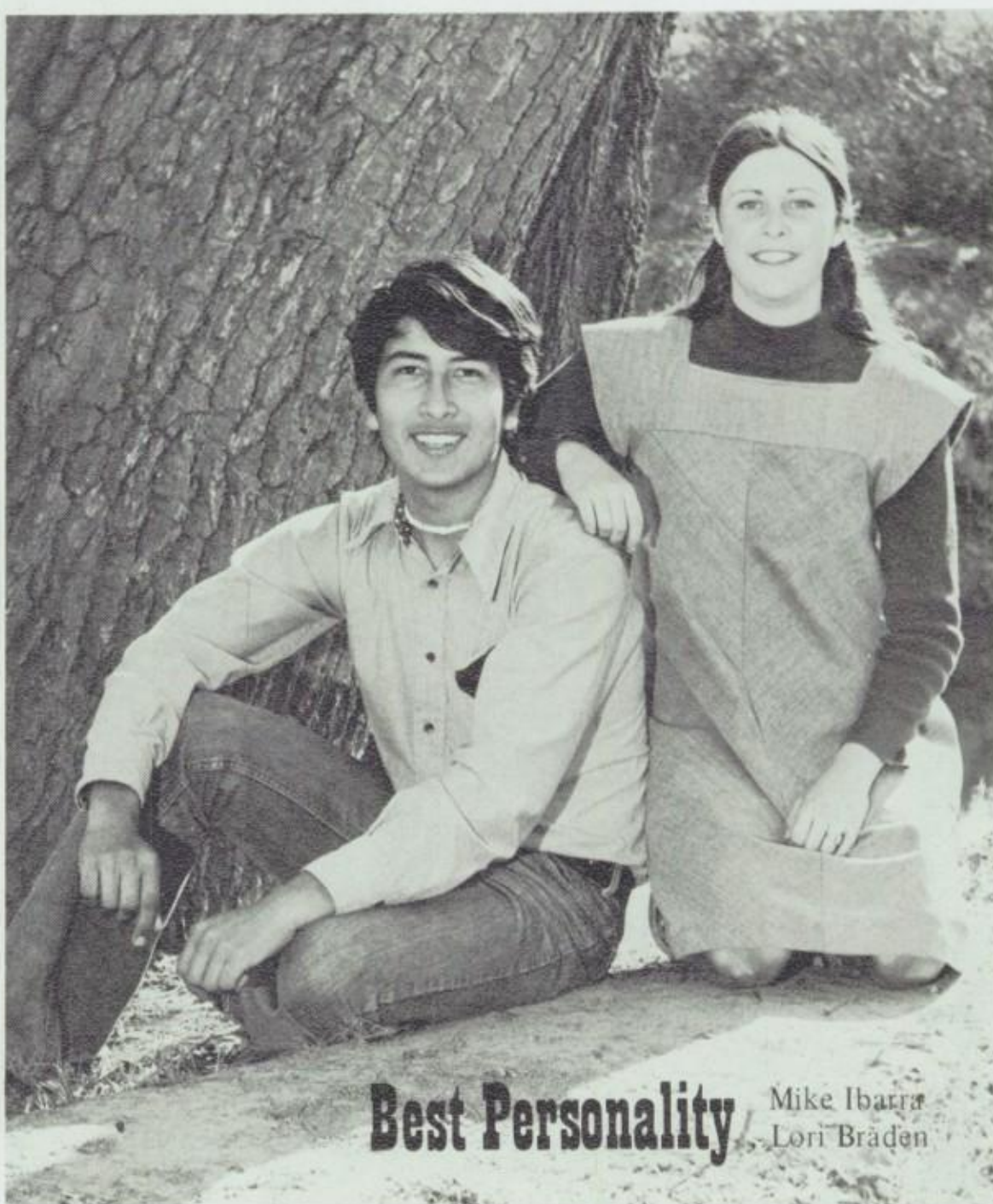
Ski Angle



Christina Arrizon



Maria Artino



Best Personality Mike Ibarra
Lori Braden

Above Left, Tardy on her way to first period, Patti Eidschun finds time for an early morning smile. Irregular attendance plagued both students and teachers, with seniors often the most severely afflicted.

Lynne Austin
Patti Barber

Concepcion Balderas
Nancy Barnholt

Right, Competing for the unofficial Senior Celebrity title of "Laziest," John Lorenzo, Steve Gilmore, Lance Miler, and Tony Brasil spend a warm spring afternoon doing what they did best at school all year—nothing.

"it was a year for firsts"

And so we began, as freshmen who would endure the transition from junior high and, almost unexpectedly, witness graduation.

Who will ever forget our first freshman football game or our first final exam? Our first night out "on the town" and our first AWOL? High school dances and parties of that first year were milestones in our lives, never to be forgotten. It was a year for firsts. Were there more?

As spring rolled around, we finally became oriented in our surroundings, and felt as though we belonged. But the month of June intervened and the end of our first year of high school was in sight.

The summer months which followed provided an opportunity for us to strengthen our friendships with each other and enabled us to learn more about the personal and family lives of our friends, rather than that which they portrayed at school.



Richard Bauer
Nancy Berry

Ralph Bava
Susan Bertozzi

Anibal Beasley
Jeanette Boege

James Bell
Frank Borja

Cindy Benedict
Terri Botello



Charles Bowles
Julie Bradford

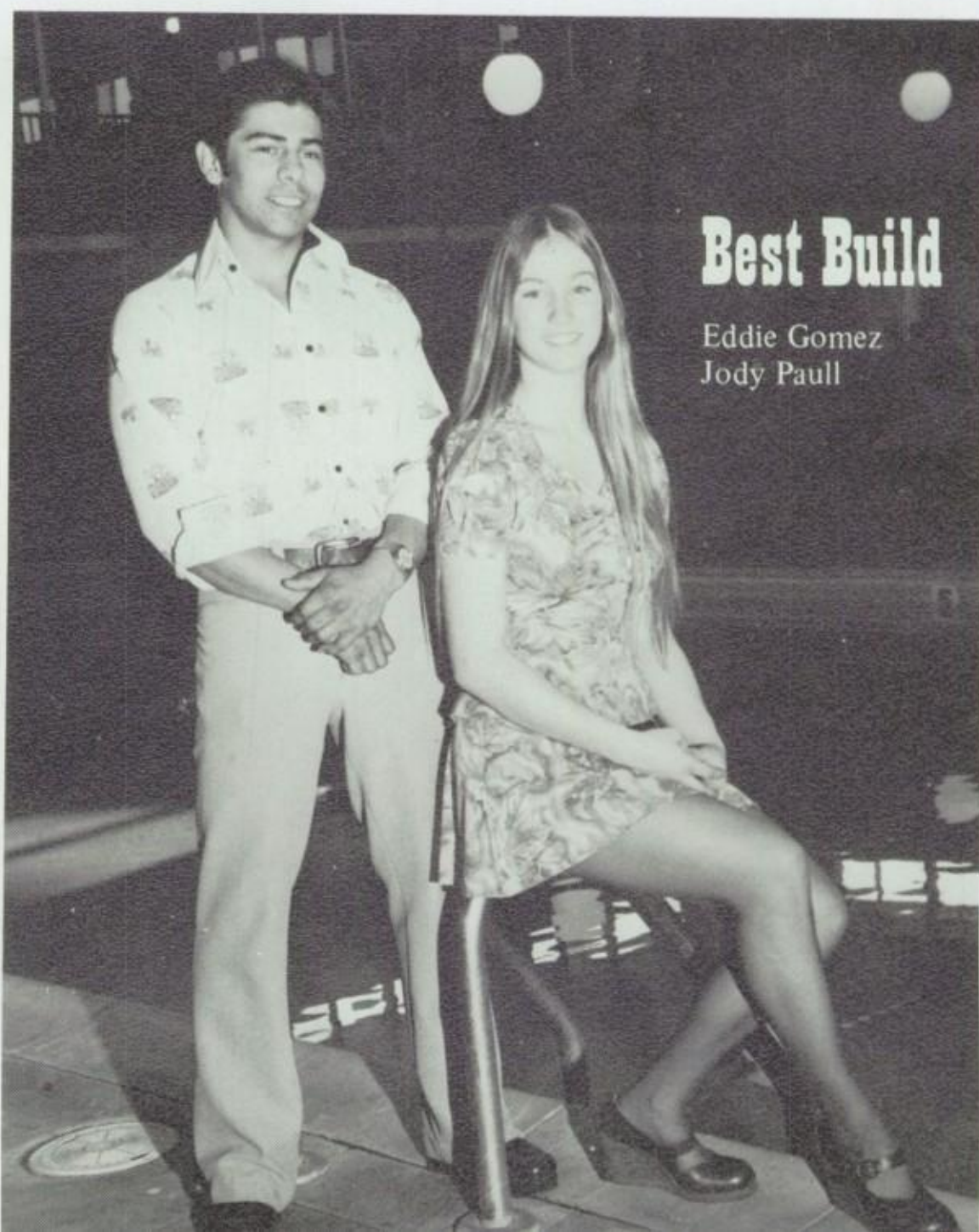
Mike Boyd
Tony Brasil

Lori Braden
Janice Brink



Mary Brolaski
Mike Brown

Marc Brown
Sheila Brown



Best Build

Eddie Gomez
Jody Paull

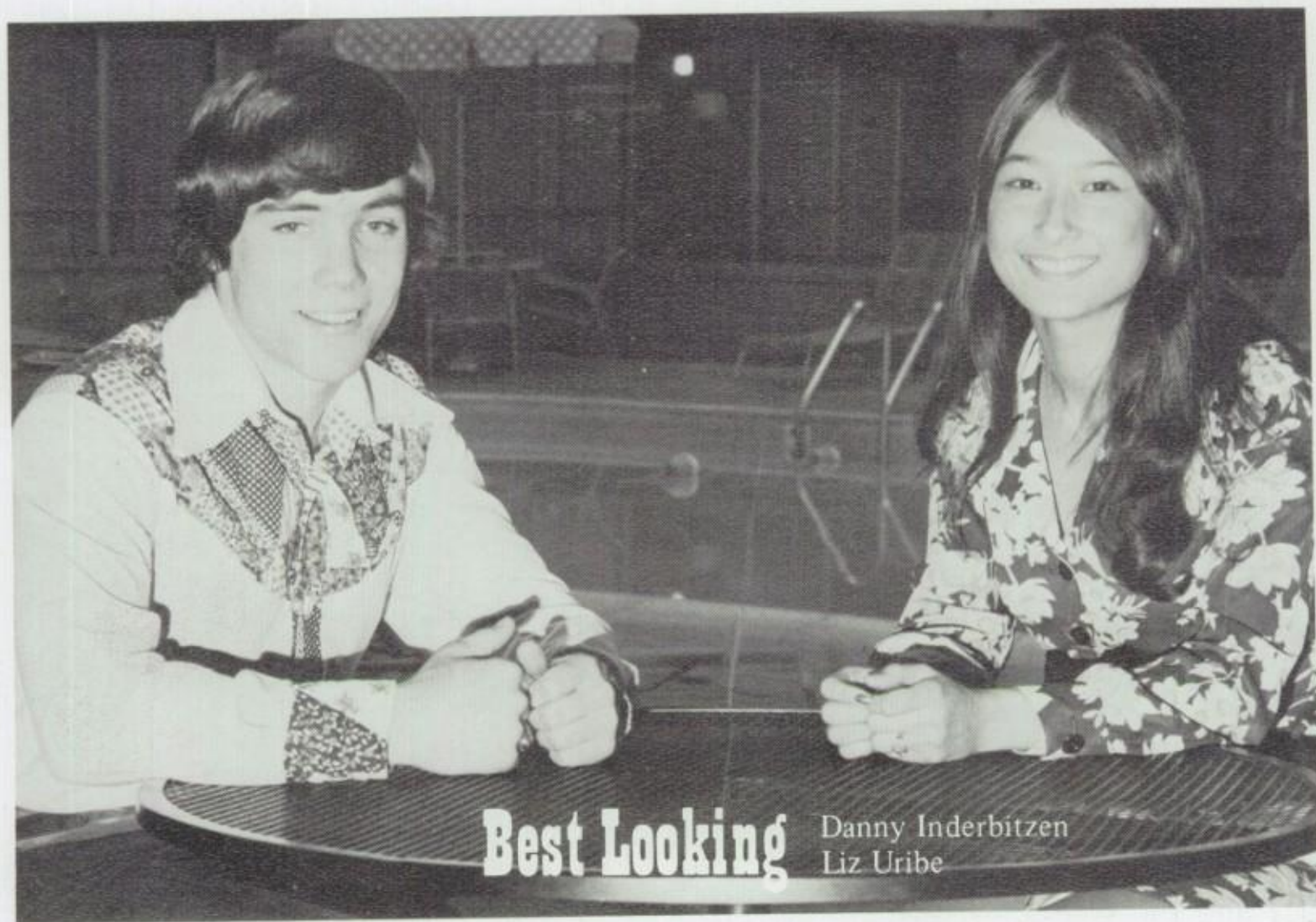
"a dream come true ... a drivers license"

As sophomores in 1973, we felt one year older—and even one year wiser. The sight of incoming freshmen reassured us of our mental development and our level of ascendancy. Of many curricular offerings, driver education and training courses were in demand on campus as a step toward a dream come true—a drivers' license. It became more and more common to see our peers socializing behind the steering wheel instead of in the passenger seat. Almost simultaneously, the idolized dating and dragging era began. Because of the popularity of the movie, *American Graffiti*, surfin' music was in, and Bill Haley and the Comets returned as idols. We began "rockin' round the clock" and asking our parents for the keys to the '56 Chevy.

Renee Butler



Click Calmes
Barbara Campbell



Best Looking

Danny Inderbitzen
Liz Uribe



Veronica Campbell



Tony Campos



Ceci Cardenas



Rosarie Cardenas



Colleen Campbell
Edwin Carlson

Mario Carrasco
Maria Carreno



Left, During a Senior Class meeting, Lynna Horman directs her interests to knitting a shawl a project for her needlecraft class, rather than toward the prolonged discussion of fund-raising projects for the Disneyland Trip.



Olga Castenda
Cheryl Cloud

Maria Castillo
Kay Cole

Gayle Chadwick
Sally Corgiat

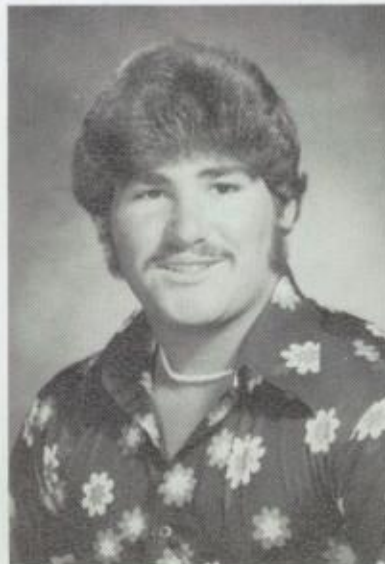
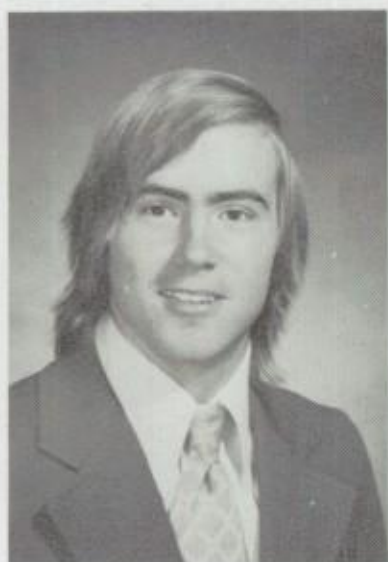
Cheri Christiansen
Senovio Cortez

Eliseo Cisneros
Chris Costin

Terry Cox
Kim Criswell



Right, Drummer Janet Rocha gets into the swing of things with a steady beat for the rest of the band during the Jazz Band Assembly. Demonstrating unusual ability and skill, Janet charmed students all year with solo performances during almost every appearance.



Dayle Crook
Joanne Ehresman

Lonnie Dickens
Patti Eidschun

Michele Downey
Joel Eisenberg

Elmo Dunn
Debbie Elliot

Kevin Durr
Dicky Engelhardt

Shelly Ensslin
Albert Fidalgo



Rose Euler



Sue Evers



Denice Fernandes

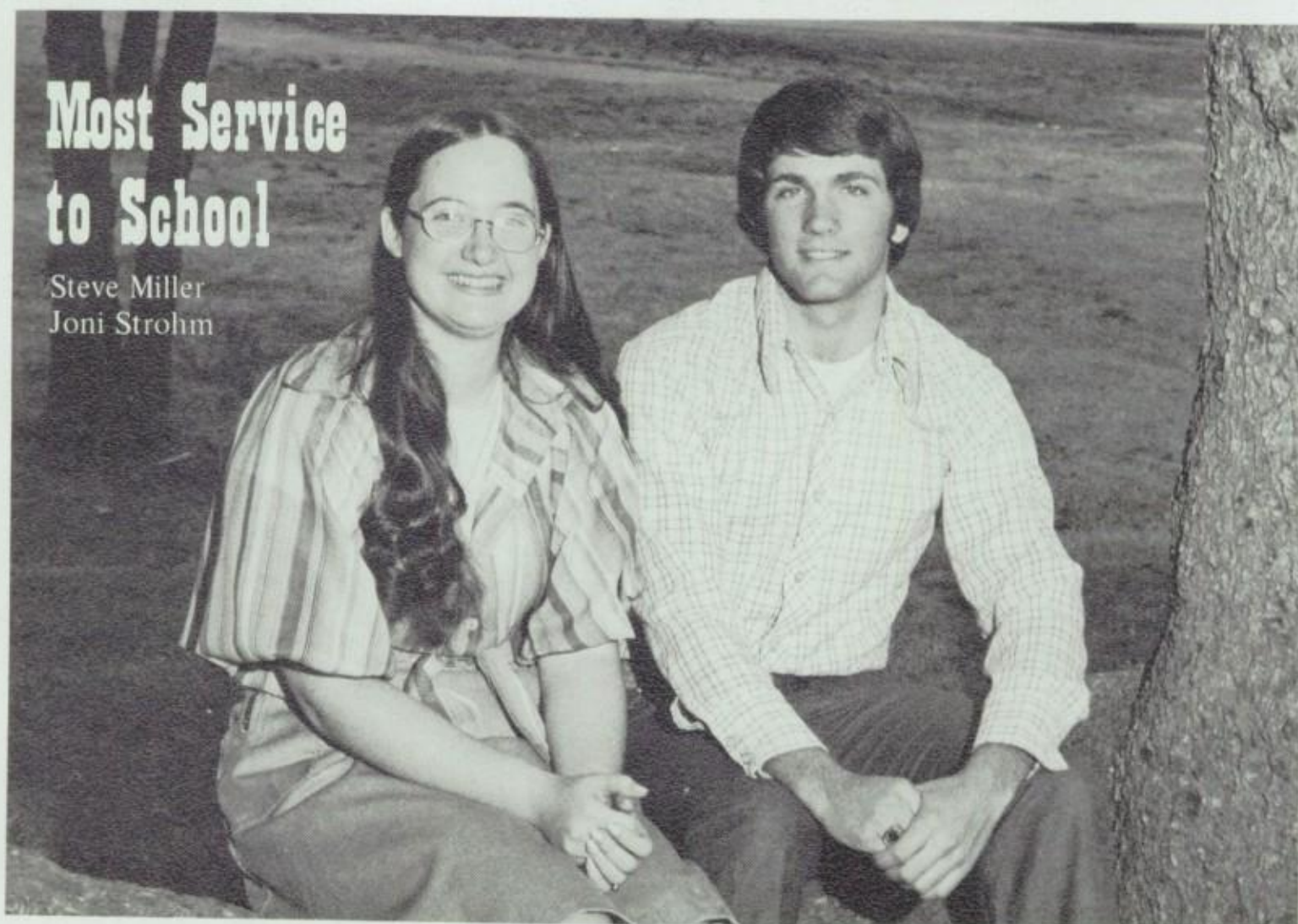


Marilyn Fernandes



Most Service to School

Steve Miller
Joni Strohm



Annette Fierro
Elizabeth Fletcher



Mike Forrest



Debbie Francis

With the transition to mobile life we encountered, cruising McHenry, tee-peeing, and going out for pizza became the main passtimes. As sophomores we were very spirited, yet we became increasingly more interested in broadening our social horizons and began to gear our goals more towards adult life.

Devoting time and energy towards numerous money-making projects, our foremost thought was the sponsorship of the Jr./Sr. Prom as we progressed through our third year at Modesto High. Activities by the class government were aimed toward that dance, with the theme, "We May Never Pass this Way Again," appropriate for one of the best Proms in Modesto High history.

**"devoting time towards
money - making projects"**

Juan Franco



Richard Franco



Maria Gallegos



Antonio Galvez
Lance Gharat



David George
Mike Gibson



Steven Gil
Sharon Gillette

Danny Gilbert
Debbie Gilmore



Shyest

Mark Schonhoff
Joanne Ehersman



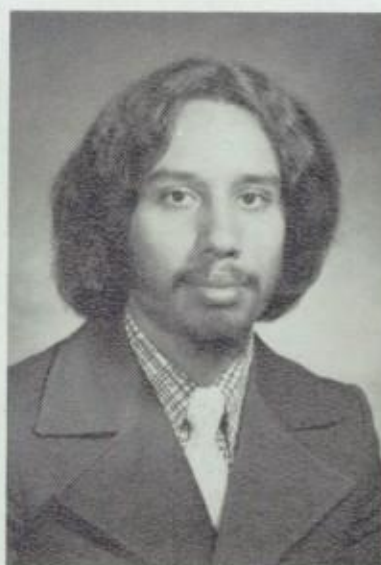
Left, Enjoying one of their favorite pastimes during 5th period lunch, hallway monitors Ed Carlson and underclass assistants check out the girls walking by in the main hall. Students aid the deans in restraining traffic in restricted areas, especially the upstairs hallway.

“new forms of socializing activities emerged”

As the job market began to be tested, several members of the junior class secured positions as employees of local businesses; financial assistance for social and educational activities preoccupied the thoughts of many.

With drivers' licenses already attained, cars, trucks, and vans filled the parking spaces around school under ownership of Class of 76 members. Yet just as freedom in transportation was felt, new forms of pleasureable dating and socializing activities emerged as a result of the national gas shortage.

Recalling events of our junior year ranging from the resignation of the 37th president of the United States to the emergence of Puka Shells as a stylish fad, we began our final year with the environment of an accidental



Steve Gilmore
Gwen Haley

Adela Gonzales
Sandy Hart

John Gonzales
Margaret Haw

Terry Gonzales
Teresa Hayes

Gerald Griffin
Randy Heinrich

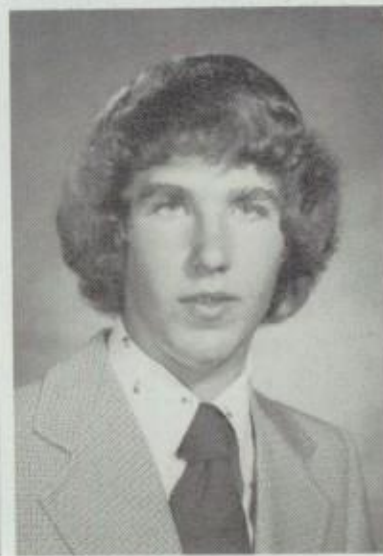
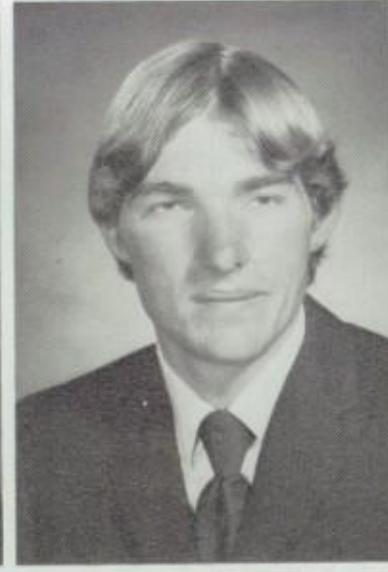
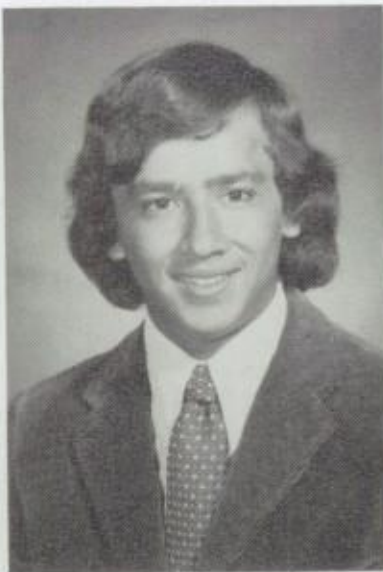
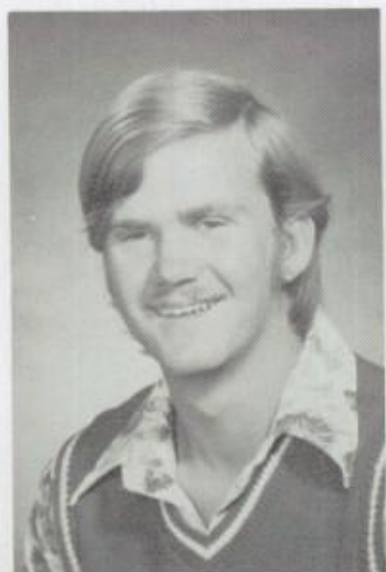
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Joey Hernandez
Steve Howell

Laura Hodge
Steve Hull

James Holbrook
Wes Humphrey

Randall Holley
Mike Ibarra



Commander-in-Chief running for election and the rise of the "Hustle" as a contemporary form of choreographic expression. After three years of effort, we returned once again. Not as underclassmen this time, but as forceful, powerful, and influential seniors with new hopes and expectations in preparation for "our year" and the remainder of our lives.

Emotions at the conclusion of high school instruction along with the reality of the future now present were experienced by the "Bicentennial Grads." Preparations for future activity were initiated, pursued, and finalized during the senior year. The entire weight of responsibility for Modesto High School's traditional spirit was placed on our shoulders, as Seniors, with the necessity for being on top of things essential to student activity on campus.

Scholastic Aptitude Tests, college applications, financial

**"after three years,
we return as seniors"**

Right, Tom Riggs, busy preparing a new supply of confetti, overhears his name mentioned and attempts to catch part of the conversation.

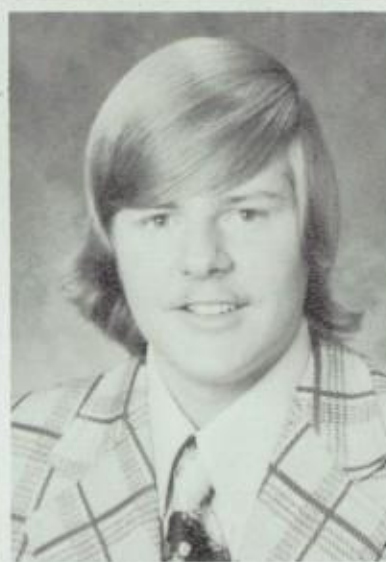


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Carol Jones



Nancy Jones
Susan Jones

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Mary Jones

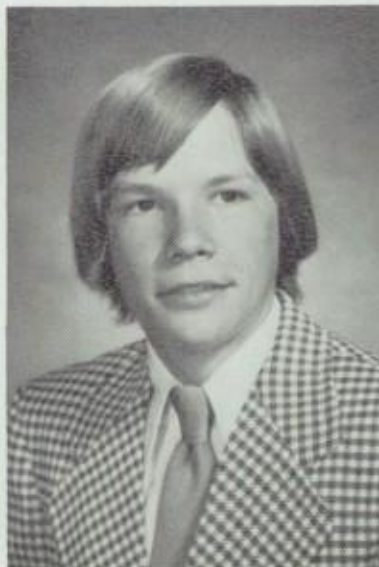


Ron Jones
Jon Kimmel



Best Dressed

Sebrena Lindsay
Joe Sheppard



Tom Knox



Julia Larry



Danny Lau

Leslie Lee



Chris Liles



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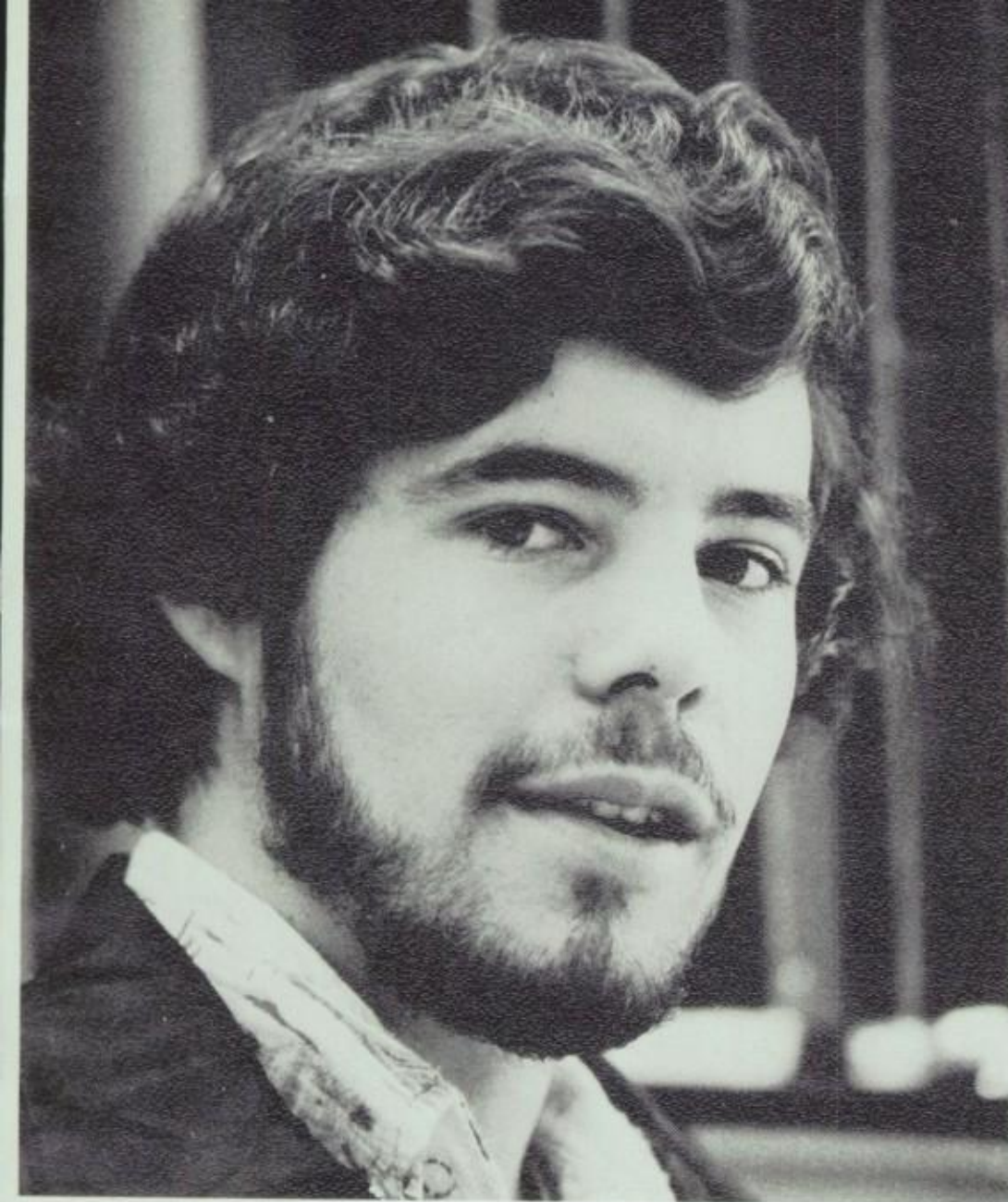
Best Athlete

Silviano Suarez
Sandy Hart



Dennis Lyons
Jose Magana

Marlene Maciel
Darrell Magnus

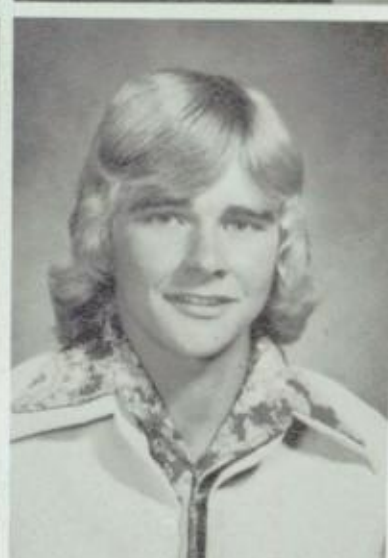
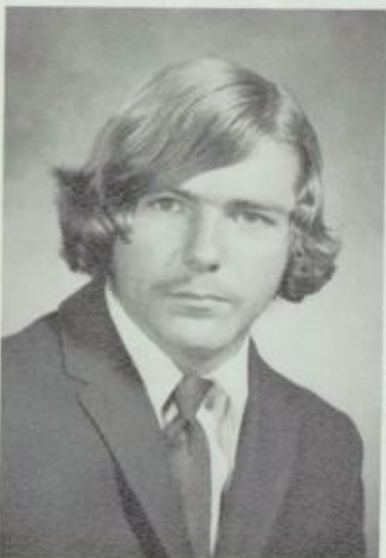
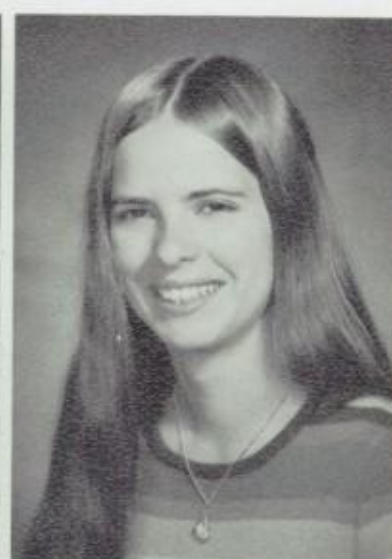
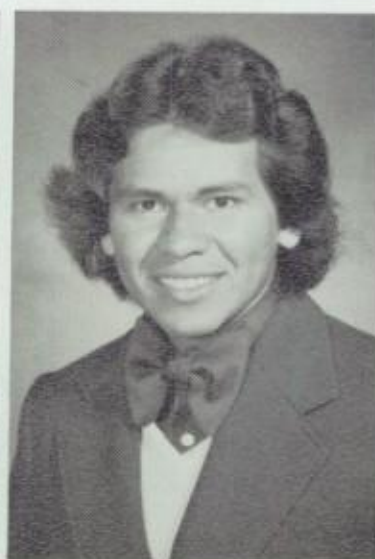


Left, Handsome Gabriel Oliveira sports a well-trimmed beard, a piece of tonsorial attire seldom seen at MHS among this year's seniors.

"bicentennial celebration in full swing"

assistance forms, and armed forces enlistments were some of the items we dealt with as Seniors. We were also confronted with a multitude of additional costs such as the Disneyland trip, Senior portraits, senior announcements, and the Prom. As a great deal of responsibility accompanied the attainment of senior standing, pleasure was not far off, as any 76er could attest.

With the Bicentennial celebration in full swing during our graduation year, we were surrounded by a nation-wide patriotic outpouring of the news media. Political activity was strong during 1976; selecting a national chief executive stirred awareness by citizens with bandwagons ready for supporters of any ideology. Nationwide sports attention was aroused by the splendor of the 1976 Winter and Summer Olympic games. Angola was also in the news as



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Steve McKerche

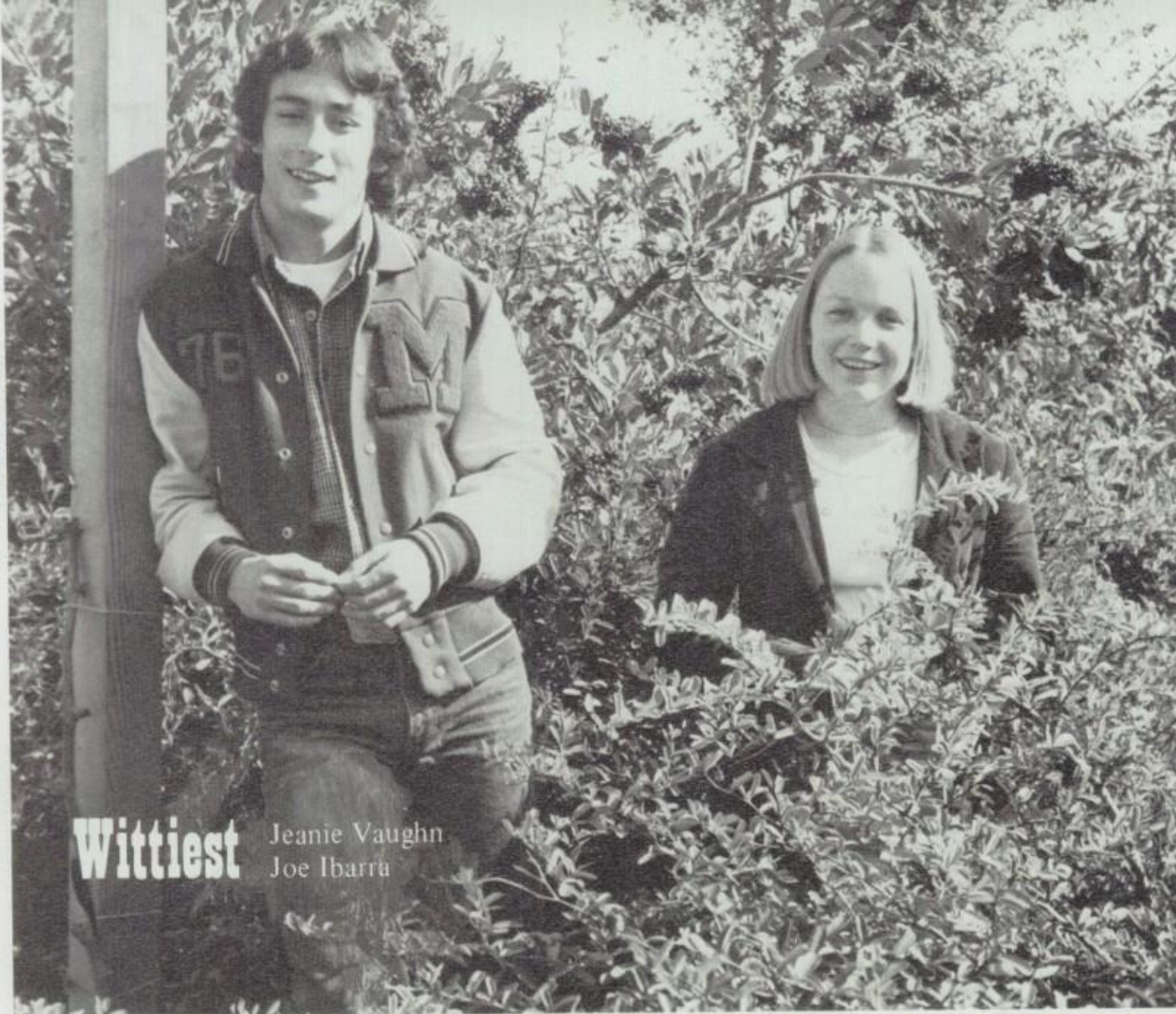
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Willie McVay

Richard Martinez
Andrea Menghetti

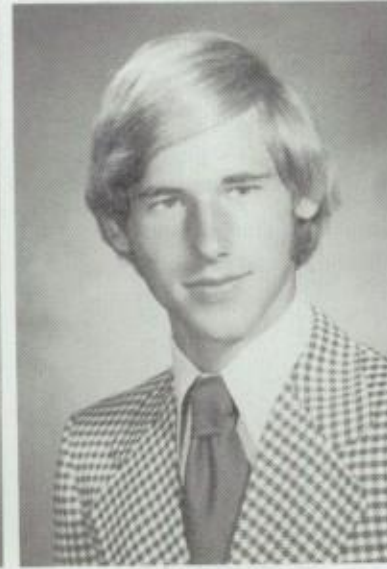
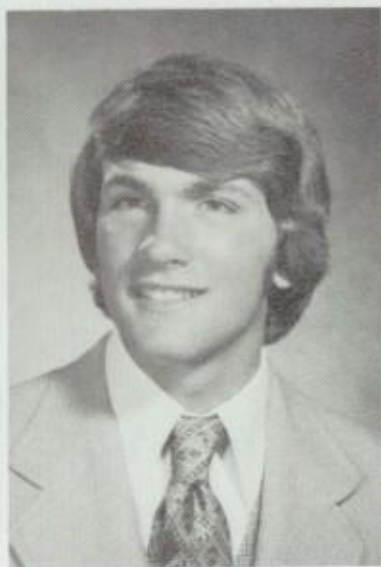
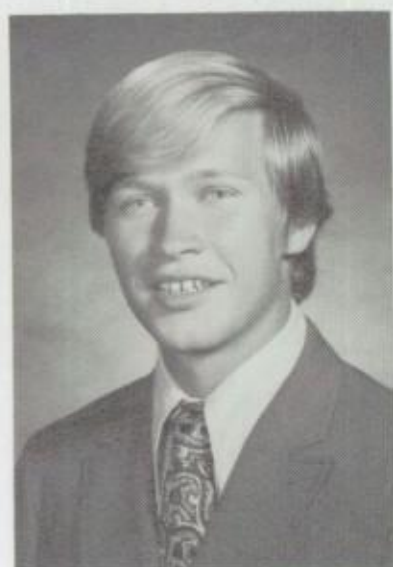
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Tami McCumber
Lance Miler

Leslie Miller
John A. Miller



Wittiest Jeanie Vaughn
Joe Ibarra



John M. Miller
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Eddie Munn

Sharlene Miranda
Mike Nelson

Kevin Mize
Isabel Nevarez

John Molthen
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Ron Oliver
Jody Paull



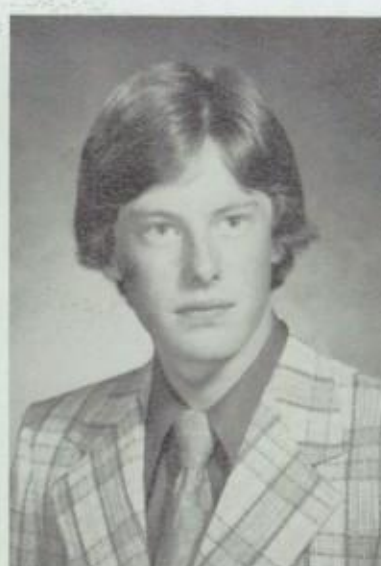
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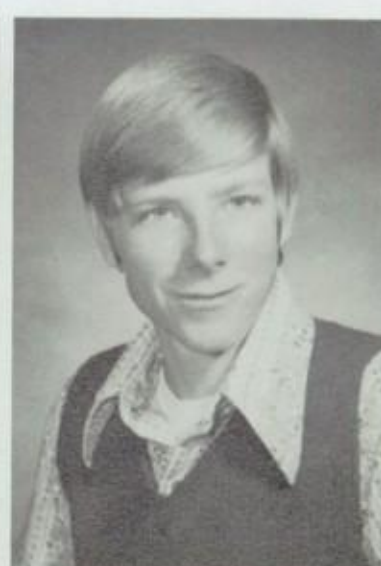
Sylvia Ott
Ruben Perez



Philip Owen
Stephanie Perez



Mark Passalacqua
Kim Perry



were the trial proceedings of Patty Hearst and several attempted assassins of governmental figures. And still, everyone kept trying to make a buck on the red, white, and blue.

One of the unique events of our senior year was the snowfall of February 5th. The flurry continued for four long hours as we anticipated the use of tire chains to get home. Older citizens recalled the snowfall of fourteen years earlier while nearly all students cavorted in the 2-inch cover for two hours and everyone rejoiced over the fact that it had occurred while we were still able to enjoy it on the MHS campus.

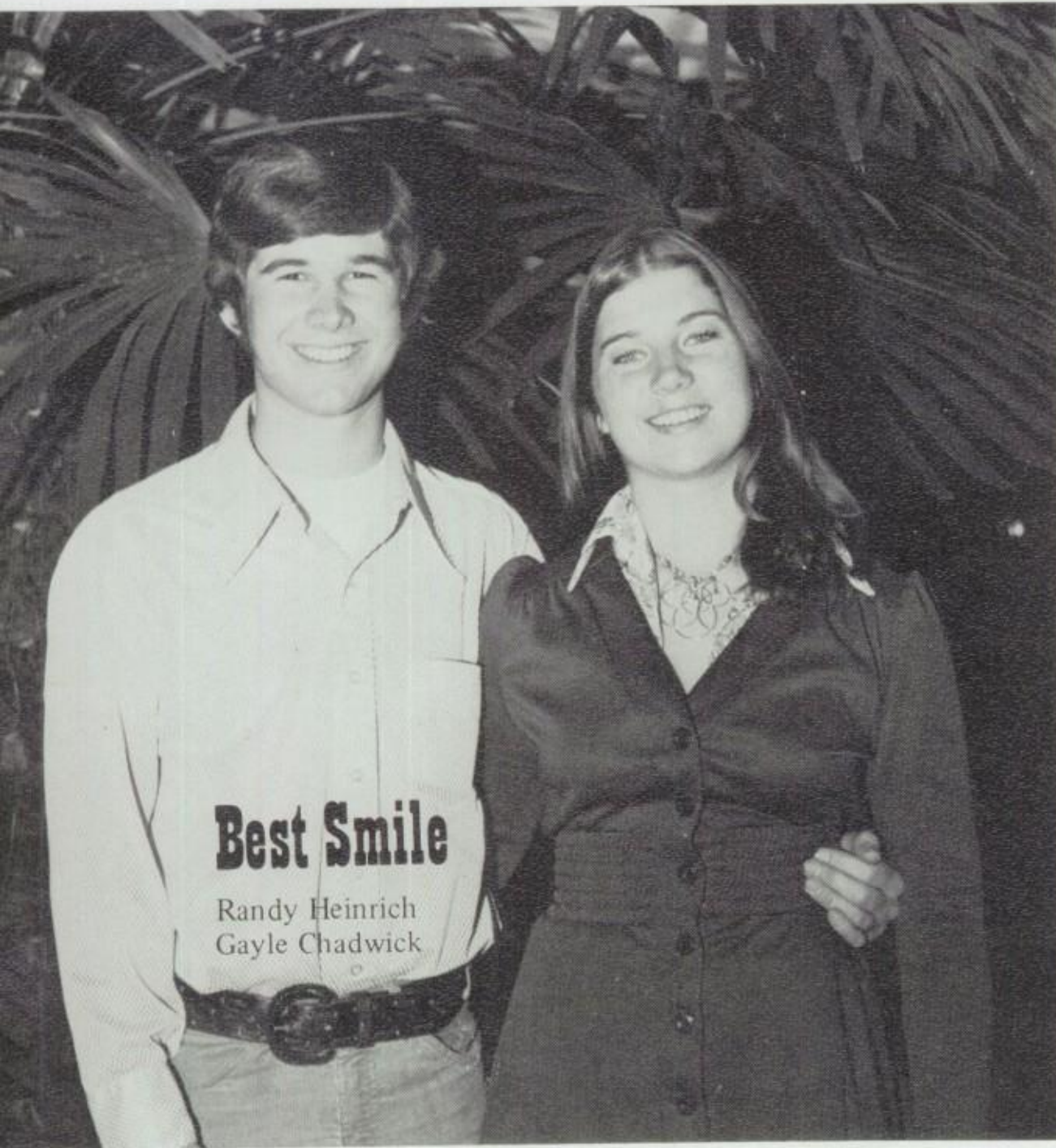
With the end of 1976 approaching, we worked on several projects to further promote class unification. Senior memorial, senior dinner and the senior party were some of

"February 5th brought unique event of snowfall"

Left, Expert photographer Dave Silva with his ever-present companion, a 35-mm camera, gets within good shooting range during a rally in the girls gym.

Darlene Seabra
Bill Sheppard

Chris Shaw
Jane Shoemate



Pennie Skittone



Sandra Smees



Joni Strohm



Dave Silva
Silviano Suarez



David Silva
Leon Swear

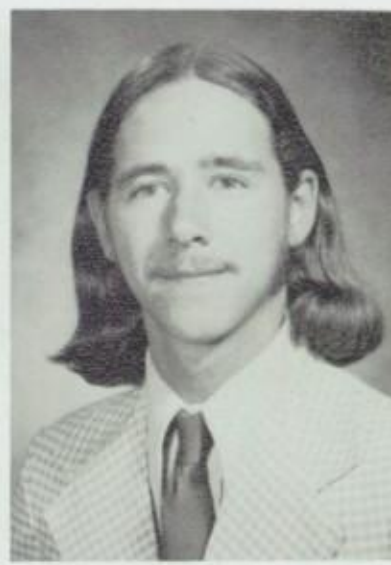
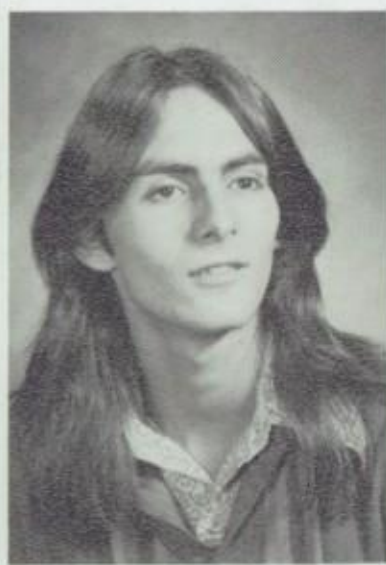


Left, During the Beyer basketball rally, Bobby Moore and Dayle Crook enthusiastically agree with the comments made by Coach Cole. Rallies were dedicated to a particular sport, with the athletes from that sport featured in the assembly.

“senior celebrities provide recognition”

Picturing Senior Celebrities is one of the longest—standing traditions at Modesto High School. These individuals are chosen by their classmates as exemplifying specific qualities of personality. Conducting nomination elections within the senior class, the Sycamore Staff prepared a final ballot from which seniors chose the individuals pictured on these pages.

Although occasionally accused of being merely a popularity contest in a now—worthless yearbook tradition, Senior Celebrities provide recognition for those who represent outstanding quality in many varied attributes. To be chosen by your classmates for this distinction is an honor hoped for by many, but achieved by only a few. The results are an accomplishment long remembered.



Mike Sweyd
Joe Tomao

John Swift
Karen Tomlinson

Vernice Tanner
Denise Tuggle

Mark Tappen
Irinia Turner

Donald Thomason
Madeline Ulloa

Right, During one of the longest snowfalls recorded in Modesto's history, Tony Magana looks to the sky as those beautiful white flakes blanket the ground as well as head and shoulders.

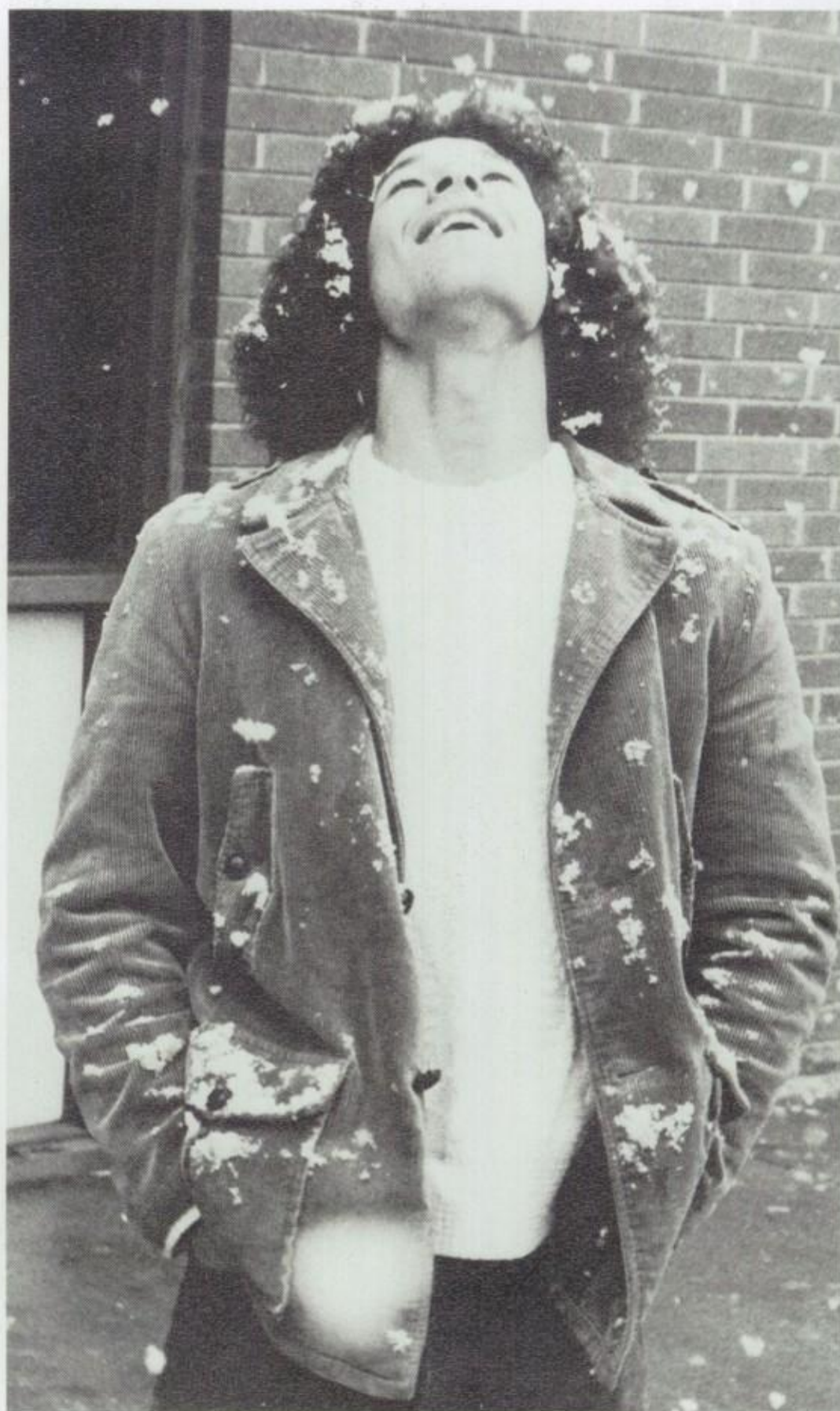
"feeling of never coming back"

the terms widely referred to when discussing activities. With the help of many of our parents and the senior advisors, working to earn money was fun as well as profitable.

As we distinguished ourselves in different areas of campus life—scholastic, athletic, service and extra-curricular—our moods varied, and we, as young adults, began pondering questions which we would soon face in the environment beyond high school.

One feeling we experienced very heavily as "the time" drew near was the sense of never coming back. For some of us, we would not see a lot of our friends for a long time. And how about our teachers? Remembering some of the friendly talks we had with our instructors reminded us of how much we really admired them. As we sat in our chairs at the commencement exercises, surrounded by our classmates, our friends, and even the people we never really got a chance to know, we knew why everything was so quiet. It was that feeling.

As the last graduate walked across the stage and received his diploma, we united in cheers—and tears—for the Class of Seventy Six. But in the back of our minds, this feeling, of different intensities in each of us, began to come to the surface. We were no longer students at Modesto High School; we were graduates.



Joe Pinheiro
Rose Mary Presto

Joe Poulos
Bill Railsback

Helen Ramirez

Ramona Richardson

Leon Richter

Tom Riggs
Teresa Rosa



Joyce Robinson
Carlos Rosales



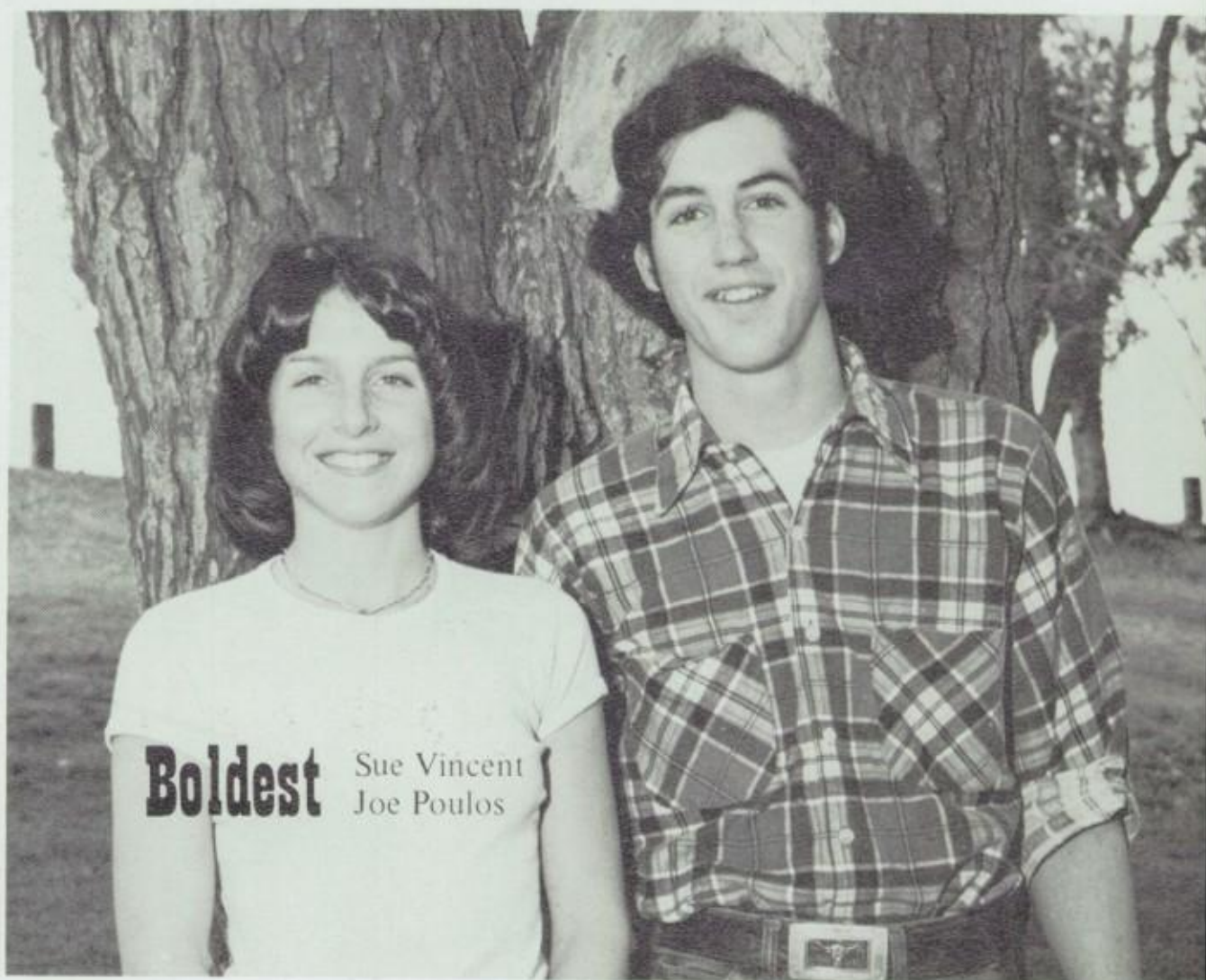
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Alicia Rodriguez



Sandy Romero



Cora Rosales
Debby Salais

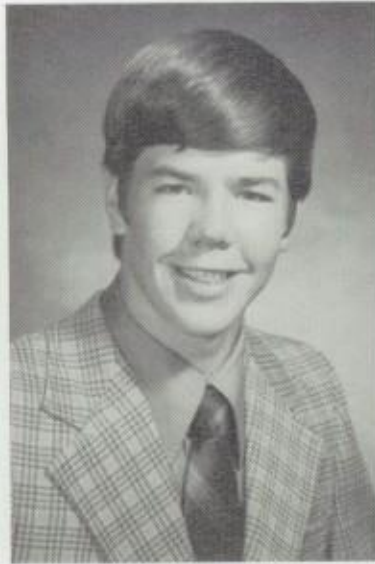
Kim Ross
Perry Salsi

Pam Sandoval

Bill Sarrels

Mark Schonhoff

Tom Ulm



Liz Uribe



Gary Vail
Donna Vancil



Arcie Valles
Leanne Van Duyn



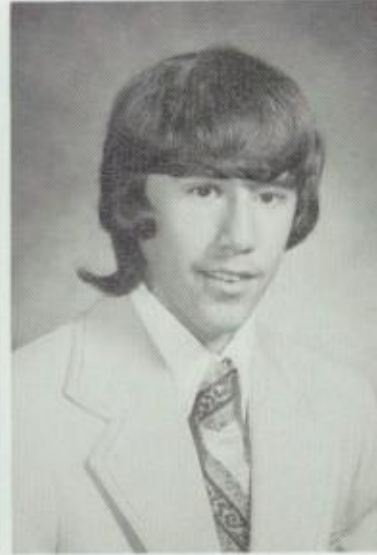
Below, Eddie Stice concentrates on cutting yearbook negatives properly in preparation for proofing and filing. Without careful attention to such details by many journalism students, a major production such as the *Sycamore* could not be achieved.



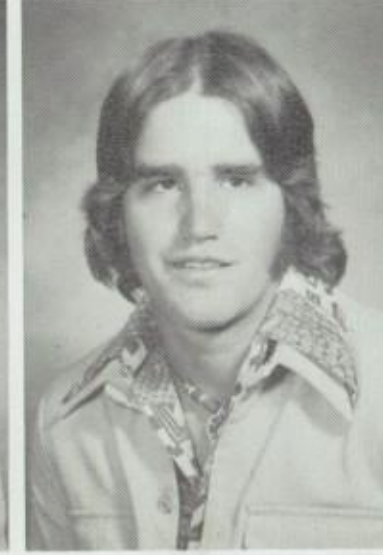
Jeannie Vaughn



Perry Vaughn



Gilbert Velasquez



Cindy Van Vliet
Stephen Vieira



Socorro Vasquez
Hilda Villegas

Sue Vincent



Elma Vinnedge



Stephen Walters



Megan Webster
Sanford Whitehouse



Sue White
Jami Woodbridge



Vim, vigor, and vitality were expressions that accurately described the classmates of '76. We were a unique group in the history of Modesto High. Diversity of personality and ambition was obvious within our confines, with the phrase, "never a dull moment," descriptive of our period.

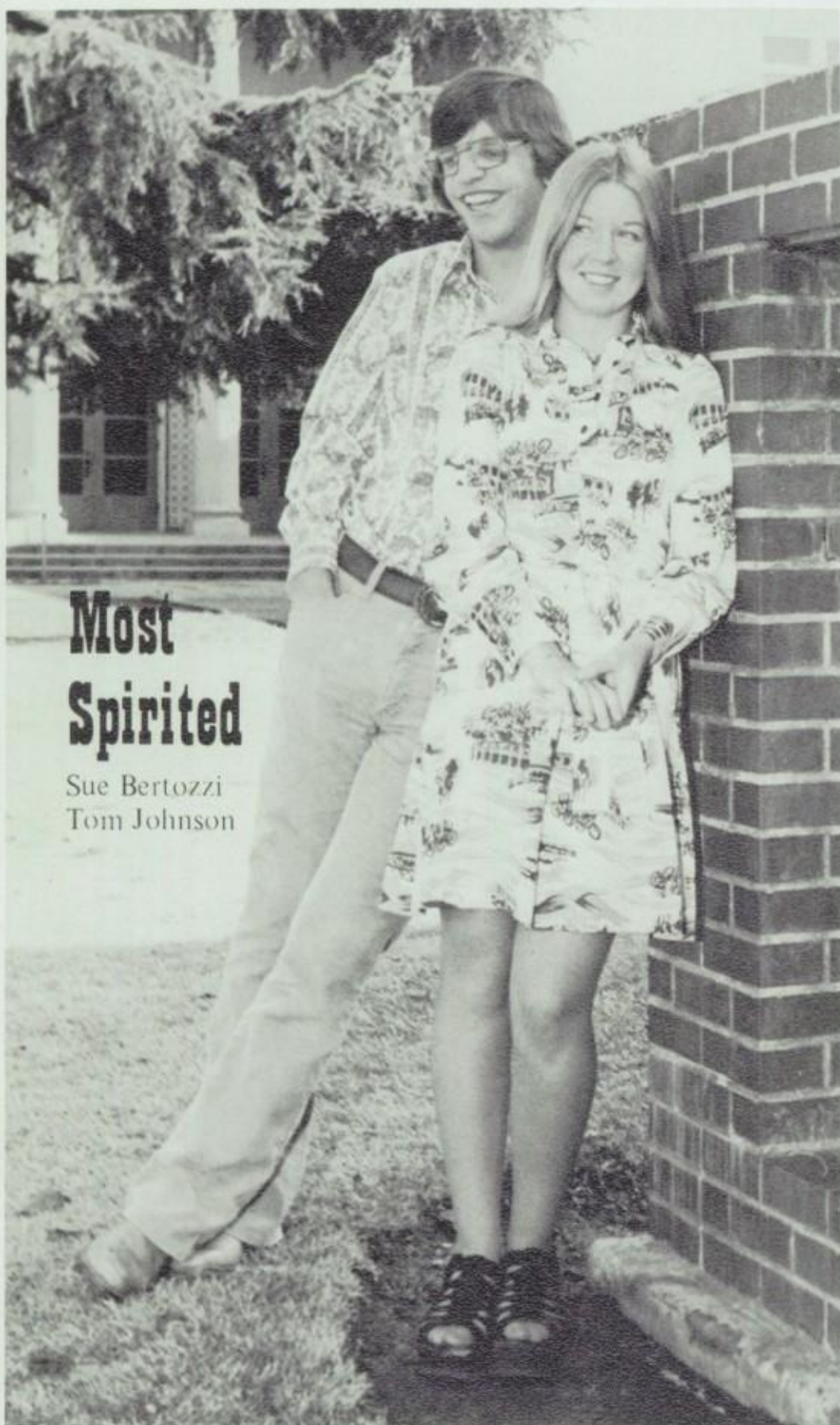
Although June 11, 1976 marked the final experience of traditions, merry-making, and tears for the graduating class of friends, it commemorated the initiation of adulthood into a world of customs, joys, and even sadness.

What was ahead for us remained one of the mysteries of existence. Perhaps we hoped that commencement would trigger awareness and maturity attained after four years of high school growth. June 1976 found us no longer a part of, but as a tradition of the place we proudly called Modesto High School; an experience and a Way of Life that would never be forgotten: Modesto High School, 1972-1976.

**"graduation commemorates
initiation of adulthood"**

Most Spirited

Sue Bertozzi
Tom Johnson



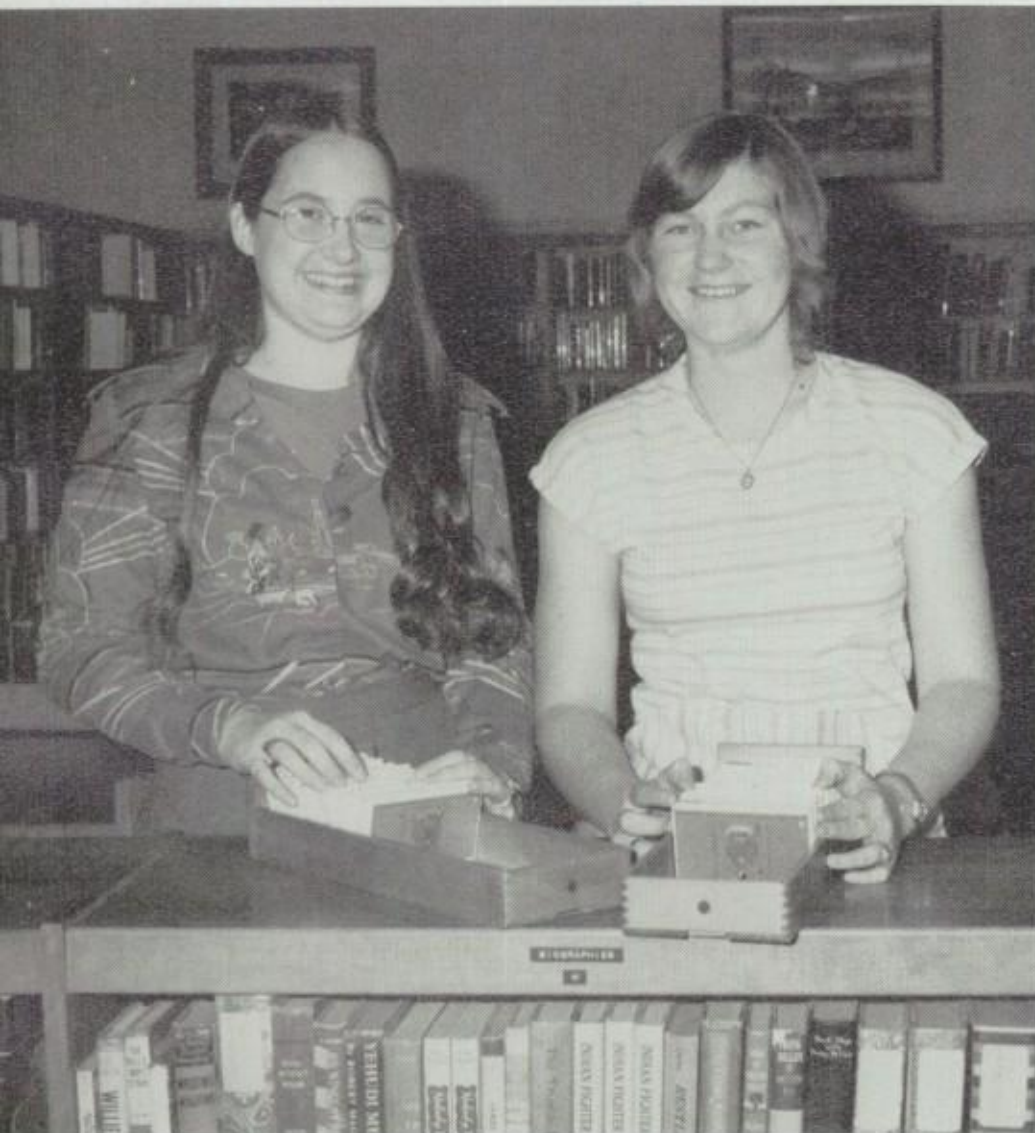
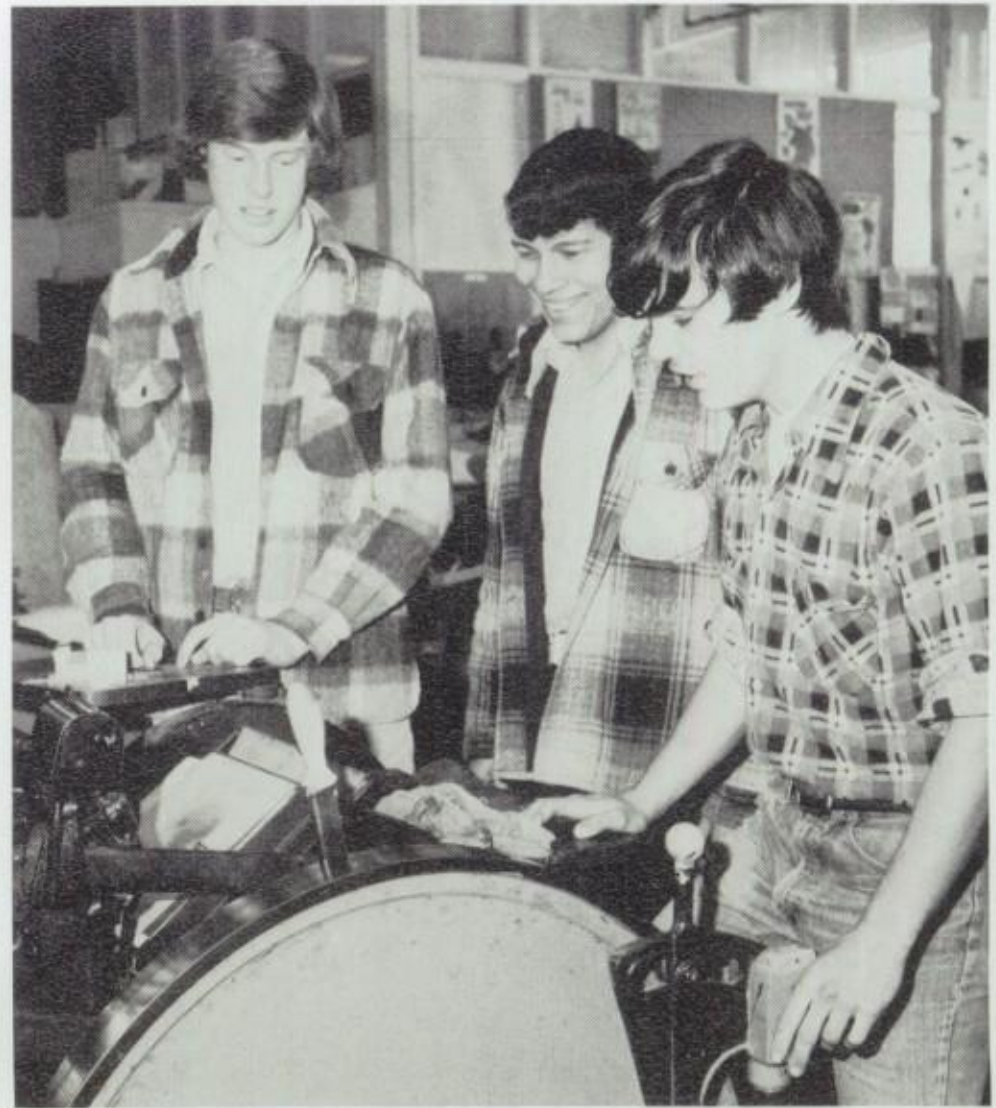
Phil Owen
Tony Campos
Mike Sweyd

industrial education

students excel in areas of interests

Representing high standards of achievement at Modesto High School is a select group of seniors pictured on the next four pages. These students have demonstrated outstanding ability in specific fields of interest and have been recognized for their superior achievement.

Enthusiasm, drive, and determination are just a few characteristics that have helped these students earn the title of "outstanding" in fourteen different subjects ranging from music to mathematics. Students honored with this title have excelled in areas which they find interesting and may continue to study in preparation for a rewarding career.

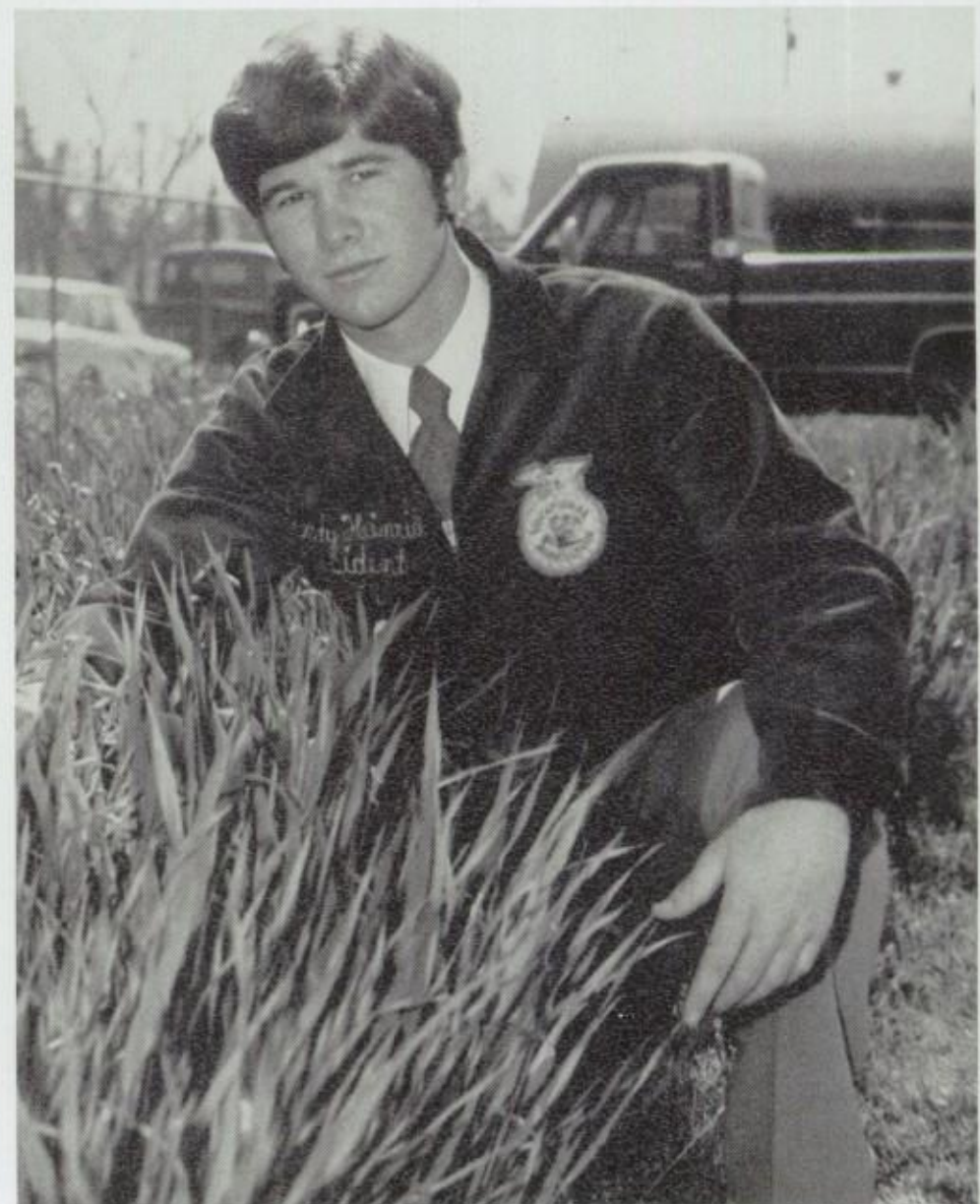


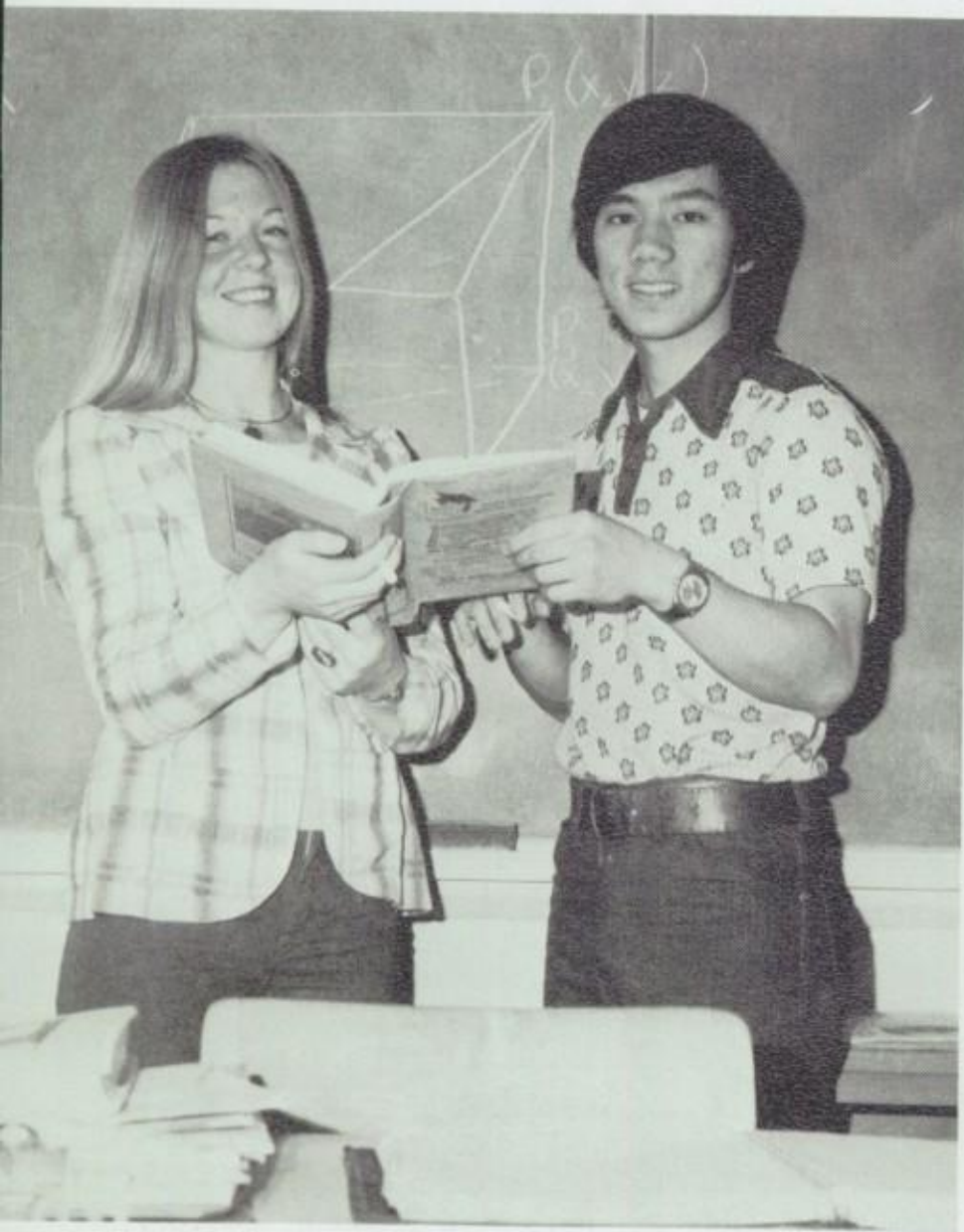
english

Joni Strohm
Megan Webster

agriculture

Randy Heinrich





mathematics

Sue Bertozzi
Danny Lau

foreign language

Mona Richardson
Margaret Haw



vocal music

Donna Vancil
John Helmer



social studies

Mike Boyd
Sylvia Ott

instrumental music

Debbie Francis
Joanne Ehresman

journalism

Mike Ibarra
Sylvia Ott
Steve Hull



business education

Teresa Hayes
Darlene Seabra

physical education

Janet Rocha
John Helmer
Sandy Hart



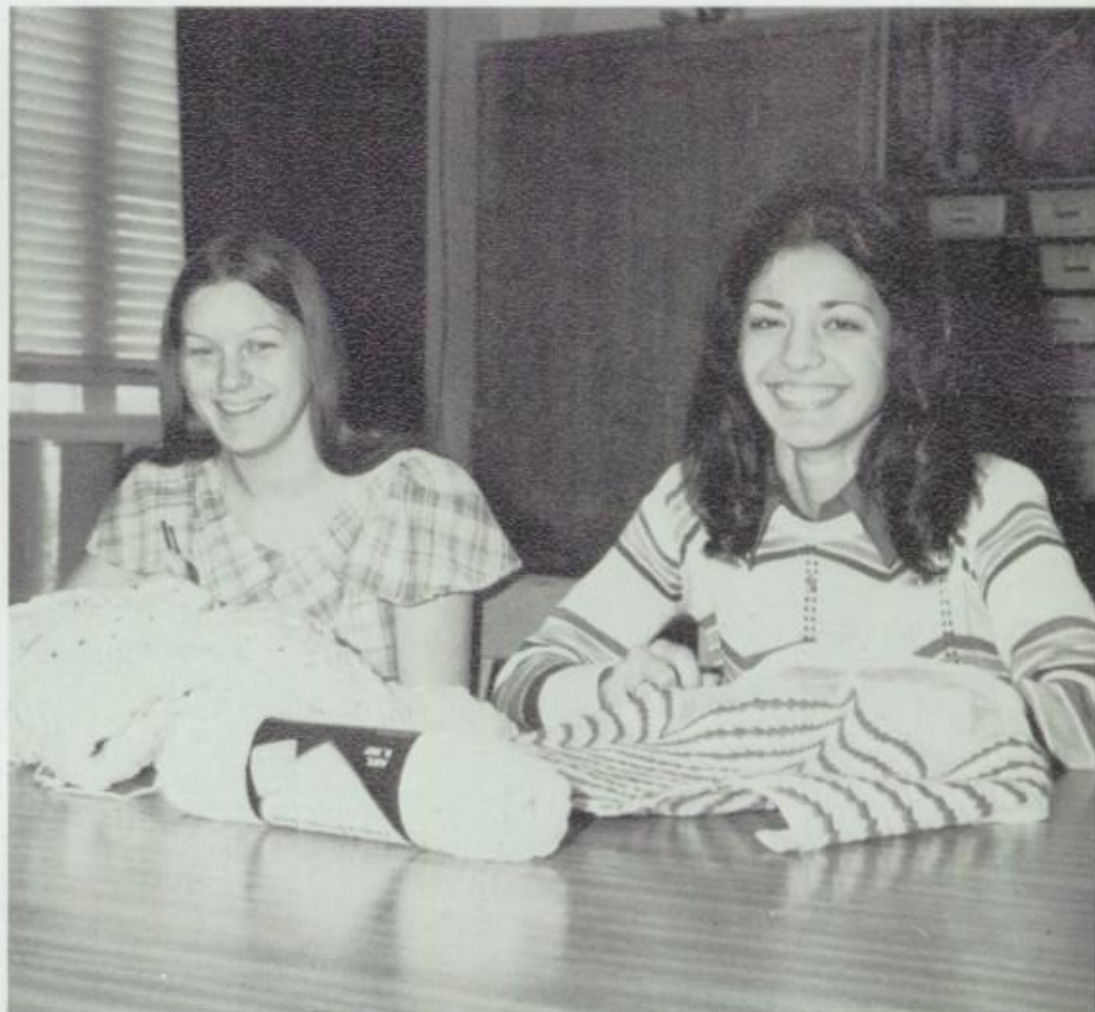
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Sue Vincent



art

Jeanette Boege
Frank Borja



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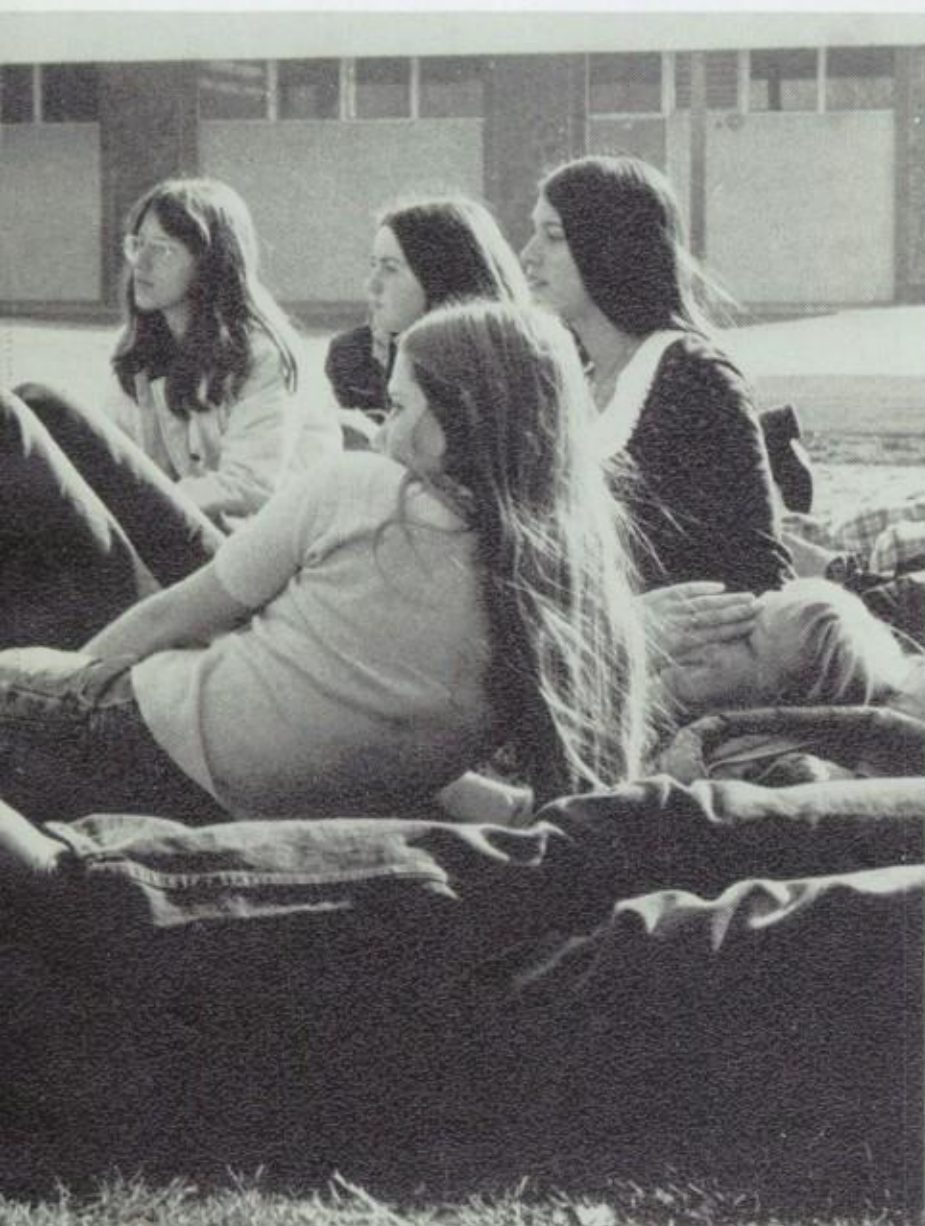
Carol Jones
Teresa Rosa

Right, Juniors Scott Clark, John Castro, Steve Imelio, Gary Baughman, and Bill Boer, show their enjoyment at girl-watching as Eileen Lorenzo happens by. **Far Right,** Garth Jolliff, Laurie Liebes, Cathy Hyer, Peggy Long, Debbie Buck, Kim Van Vliet, and Lenora Crogiat watch the traffic on "H" street during a warm spring lunch hour. **Far Lower Right,** Listening to Mr. Autry during a casual English class on the courtyard lawn are juniors Linda Nevitt, Manuela Dias, Chris Fisher, Maridith Curfman, and Gail Baughman. **Below,** Freshmen Karen Wolf, Ruth Richards, Tami Ross, Lori McCracken, and Marie Tamburo gather at their favorite lunch-time spot.





competing classes remain



separate yet unified

Each fall a new group of students stumble nervously and excitedly down the memory-filled halls of Modesto High School, which another group of students has sadly left behind only months before.

The halls are filled with echoes of freshmen asking for help with their unyielding locker combinations or the location of room 101; of sophomores trying hard to look cool and mature; of juniors relaxing it up, giving a helping hand to the underclassmen and getting advice from seniors. By late spring the freshmen familiarize themselves with surroundings and locker combinations, sophomores do begin to look and act mature, and juniors prepare themselves to become next year's experienced leaders.

These students came as individuals, strangers to each other although joined together in different classes and courses; they compete in rallies, spirit, strength, and academic abilities. Always claiming his or her class as the best, they are nevertheless one large student body joined in the common bond of school spirit, and helping each other to become the leaders and workers of one industrious and promising nation. They are "the people" and MHS is their Way of Life.



thank heaven for 77

Eager, willing, and spirited describes the Class of 77. Chris Fisher, fall class president, averred, "I feel that our Junior Class has willing and ambitious people always ready to get things done."

Enthusiastically beginning early last summer with well-organized and highly successful bake sales, they followed later with car washes and concessions at football games, clearing well over \$1,000 for their treasury. The Class of 77 has always been known for standing up to a challenge. Displaying their MHS pride made them winners of the 1975 "Spirited Poster Contest."

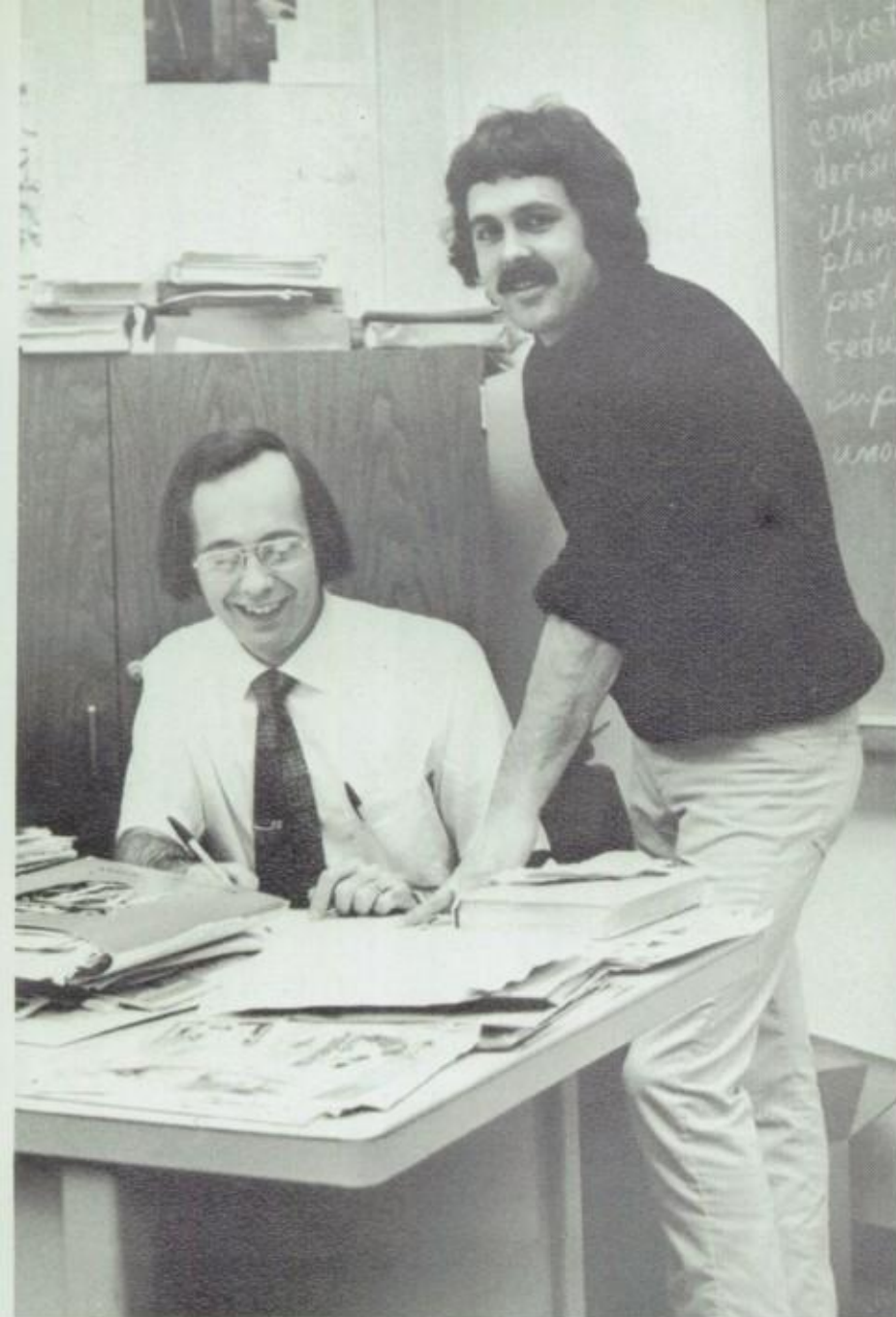
"The Time of Our Lives," the 1976 junior-senior prom, was one of those memorable events long recalled. Capably and beautifully prepared, the juniors gave the seniors a good reason to remember them with the slogan, "Thank Heaven for 77."

Above, Fall Junior Class Officers, Gail Baughman, Vice President; Eileen Lorenzo, Representative; Chris Fisher, President; Liz Santos, Secretary; Julie Bentley, Treasurer.

Right, Spring Junior Class Officers, Sitting, Angie Del Re, Treasurer; Tami Johnson, Secretary. Standing, Fernanda Dias, Vice-President; Tara Sisemore, Representative; Julie Bentley, President.

Opposite Page, Junior advisors Jim Kenyon and Jim Autry confer on how best to motivate students for the planned fund-raising drive.





Verna Abid
Vicky Anderson
Beatrice Bacon
Silvana Beasley

Jose Aguilar
Andrew Armenta
Jahna Bailey
Donna Belaski

Roger Allen
Patricia Arrizon
Janice Baker
Leonel Benarides

Grace Amador
Sharon Austin
Gary Baughman
Julie Bentley

Don Anderson
Arnold Avila
Rhonda Beachler
Connie Bettencourt



Greg Bettencourt
Dirk Billich
Loretta Blackwood
Charles Boday
Bill Boer
Camera Bonsack
Cindi Bounds
Edwin Bower



Jackie Bowman
Rick Bowman
Mary Brolaski
Pete Brogden
Janice Brown
Tammy Burkes
Jerry Butler
Larry Butler



Rudy Campos
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Larry Cardenas
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Kelly Caudill
Pam Champagne

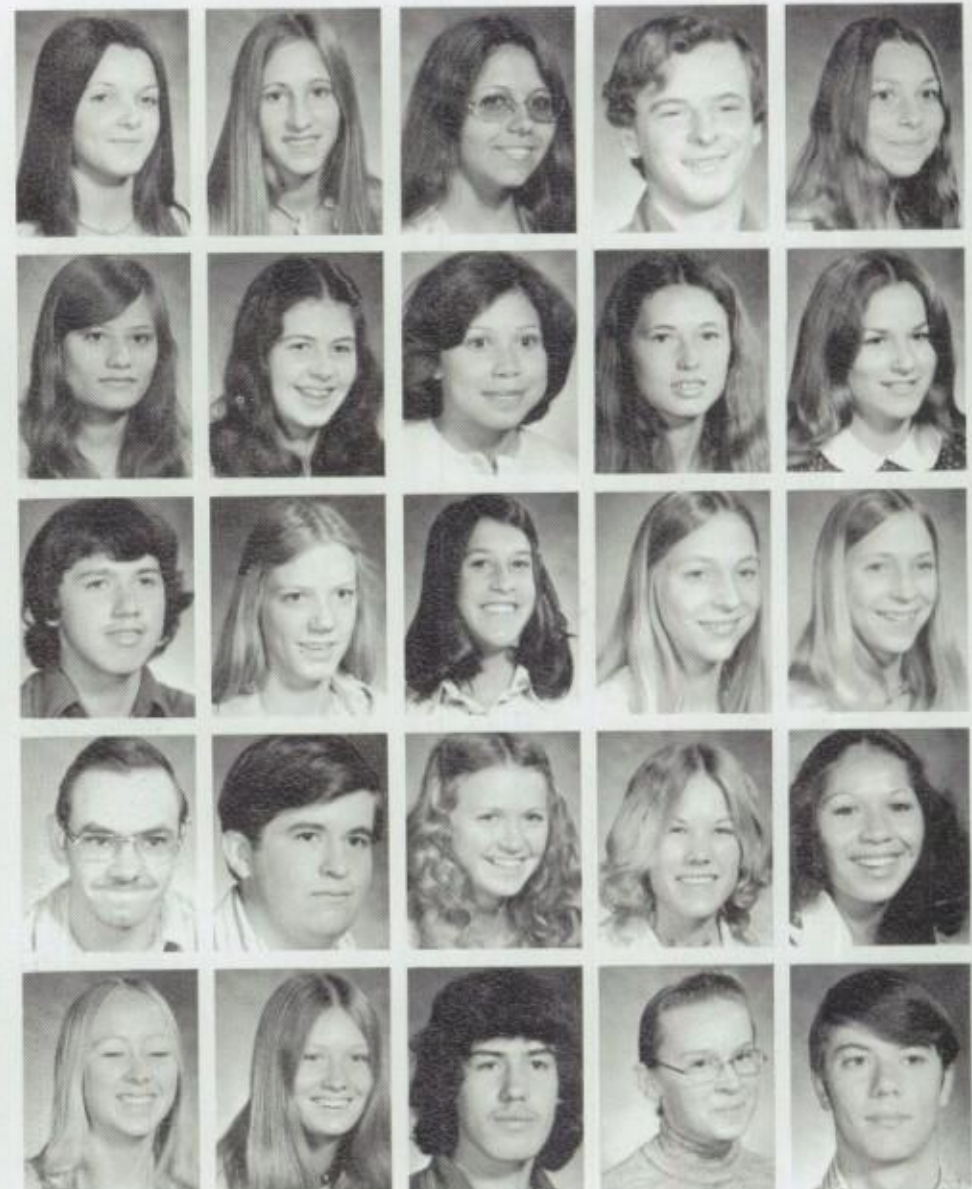


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Diana Chupco
Carrie Claxton
David Colby
Kelly Collett
Laura Connel
Gary Conley
Donald Cooksey



Betty Cortani
Maradith Curfman
Steve Curran
Danny Davis
Angela Del Re
Fernanda Dias
Vickie Douglas
Julie Ducksworth

Lori Dunscomb	Kathi Eidschun	Paulette Ehle	Keith England	Rae Enney
Shelly Ensslin	Rochelle Escobar	Debbie Espinoza	Denise Farris	Tammy Fernandes
Octavio Fernandez	Janet Fields	Christine Fisher	Valerie Fisher	Victoria Fisher
Randy Fletcher	Tim Fletcher	Sharon Foreman	Lori Franklin	Anna Garcia
Ruth Gardner	Christal Gayle	Alejandro Genel	Sharon Gibson	Jeff Glasgow



Below: Yearbook advisor and photojournalism instructor Jim Shuman shows Arnold Avila the basic steps in using a camera, a common scene during the first few weeks of school. Opposite Page: Girls Tennis Team member Eileen Lorenzo tries out a new tennis dress for Crazy Day.



Rachel Gloria
Gloria Gomez
Dala Gonzales
Danny Graver
Peggy Green
David Groves
Dolores Harmon
James Hayes



John Helmer
Dee Ann Henry
Stephanie Hiler
Laura Hodge
Kelly Holcomb
Terry House
Cheryl Houser
Daniel Houser



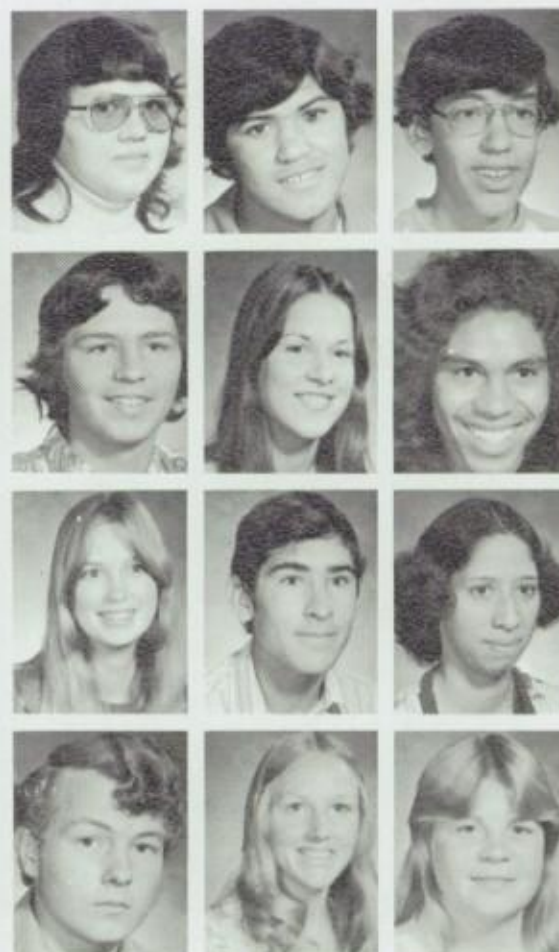
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Roger Hunnicutt
Deborah Huntsinger
Tony Ibarra
Garth Jolliff
Tami Johnson
Charles Kliever
Sidney Kelly



Annie Larry
Susan Lasater
Tina Layton
Cynthia Lee
Frances Lemos
Peter Lemos
Rodney Lindsay
Francisco Linhares



Mark Lopez	Ray Lopez	Eileen Lorenzo	Shirley Lowry	Allison Lucas	Jeff Lucas	Marian Luna	Charles Lusk	Robin Luton
Steven Machado	Pamela Manning	Lori Marconett	Anna Marquez	Jeff Martell	Hector Martinez	Barbara Masters	Pam Mendenhall	Rosalva Medina
Joe Mendoza	Debbie Miles	Deb Miller	Gisele Miller	Leslie Miller	Mario Molina	Denise Morgan	Donna Moses	Cathy Music



Sandra Nation	Luis Nevarez	Bobby Nunes
Gary Oliver	Theresa Ormonde	Rudy Payne
Annette Peltz	Frank Pena	Sandra Perriera
Elvis Perdue	Trena Poulos	Barbara Price

Yolanda Ramirez
Brenda Robinson

Kim Pritchett
Maria Rodgers

Arturo Ramos
Maria Rodriguez

Lori Reed
Debbie Rodriguez

Sandy Redding
Donna Roe
Tina Russell
Susan Sesser

Kandy Rhoades
Sandra Ramirez
Liz Santos
Barbara Schmidt

Shelly Riley
Ricardo Rubio
Tom Schell
Julia Sherman



Above: Julie Bentley cheerfully performs her Slave Day duties by shining the shoe of her master, "Maddog" Donald Storer, whose arm is strapped from a football shoulder injury. Upper Center: Junior girls Fernanda Dias, Gail Baughman, Janet Fields, and Chris Fisher, with the aid of math teacher Mrs. Marge Stuhlman, discuss ways to improve Modesto High School at the fall workshop. Right: Michael Wilson discusses his photography assignment with classmate Mark Anderson.

Virginia Shook
Pamela Simmer
Karen Sanders
Rachel Suarez

Marsha Shropshire
Bart Singleton
Reta Smith
Mildred Stinnett

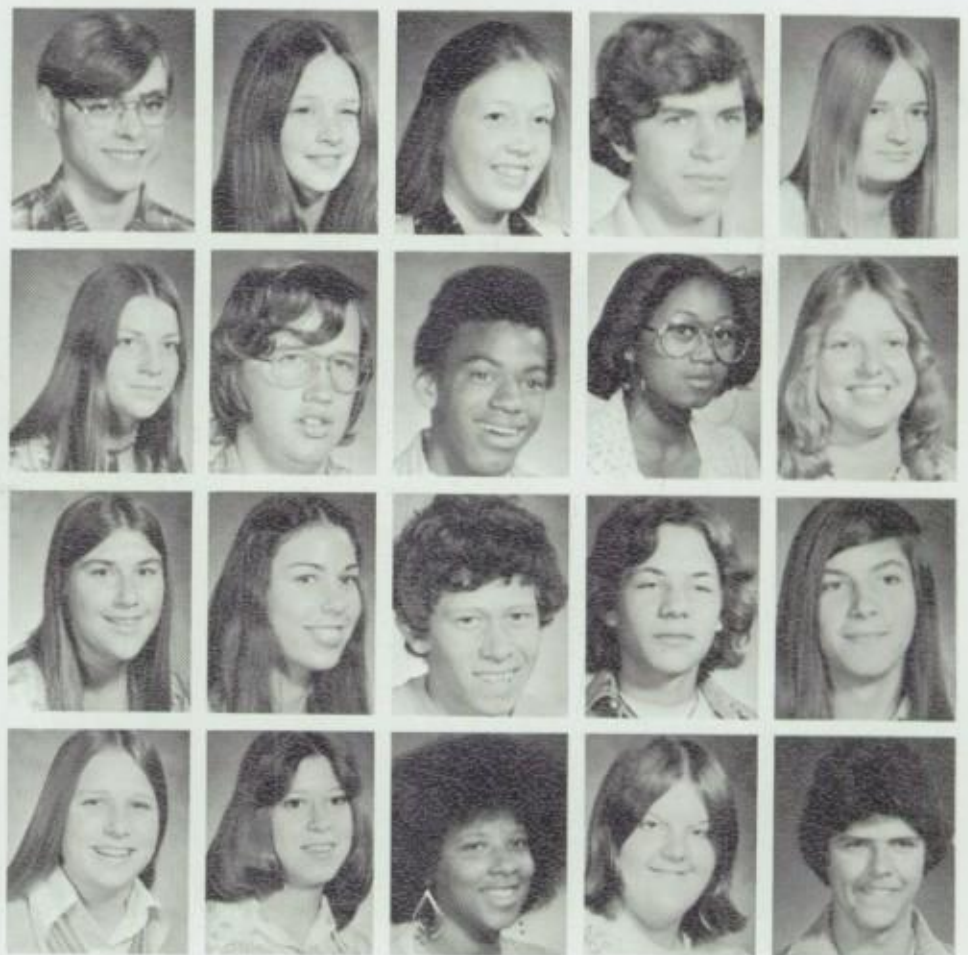
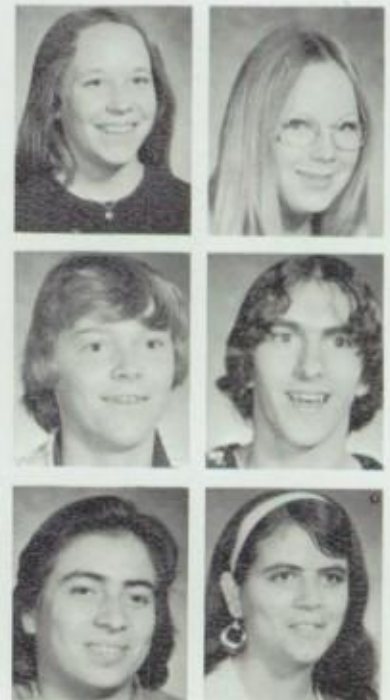
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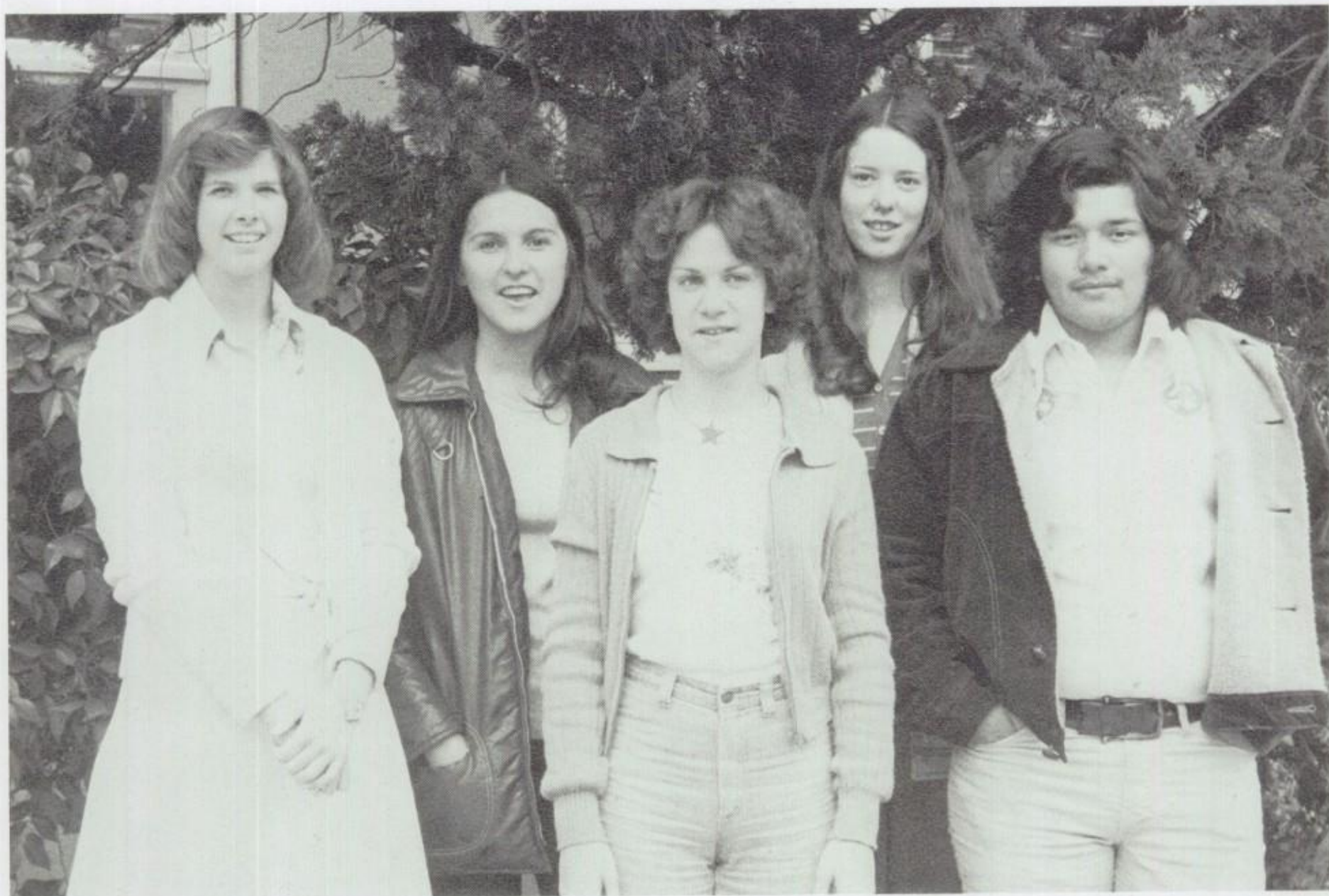
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Larry Trickey John Underwood
Anthony Valadez Martha Vallejo



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Nancy Vlach Richard Walker Frank Watson P'andra Ward Martha Webb
Cherise Wend Lorri West David Wheeler Vernon Willet John Williams
Dee Ann Winfrey Pam Wilson Shelly Woodward Frances Yearby Scott Zeigler



sophomores break tradition

"The Class of 78 is Great," wildly claimed spirited sophomores. With determination they eagerly began early in the fall to undertake the usual concessions and bakesales, and also a special bakesale at an Antique Auction which supplied more than enough funds to meet the needs of their class activities.

Although tradition is an important aspect of MHS activities, changes do occur over the years. Feeling the need for change, the sophomores changed their traditional "April Love" dance to "Hearts and Lace." "Stairway to Heaven" provided a perfectly enchanting February setting which will remain truly memorable in the hearts of all who attended.

Although having a losing season, the sophomore football team retained their spirit to fully portray the pride and sportsmanship of Modesto High School.

Above, Fall Sophomore Class Officers, Patti Hill, Secretary; Julie Carlisle, Representative; Karen Dial, Vice President; Charlene Palmer, Treasurer; David Victorino, President. Right, Spring Sophomore Class Officers, Bobby Chandler, President; Sandy Sanchez, Representative; Kelly Bizzini, Vice President; John Laude, Treasurer; Connie Jimenez, Secretary. Opposite Page, Sophomore advisors Barbara Quinn and Joan Fisher check their receipts from fall concessions to make certain the class will have enough to finance the Hearts and Lace dance in the spring.





Tami Able
Susan Alonzo
Clifton Anderson
Natalia Arricol

Karl Adams
Dan Altaro
Mark Anderson
Francis Artino

Lori Aguirre
Pascual Alvarado
Debbie Andrews
Dorene Bailey

Jack Ainsworth
Gary Ames
Billy Applegate
Marty Ball

Manuel Alberto
Malena Amezcua
Daniel Arevado
Lucy Barajas



Pam Barber
Julie Barrera
Tee Bassard
Natalia Bates
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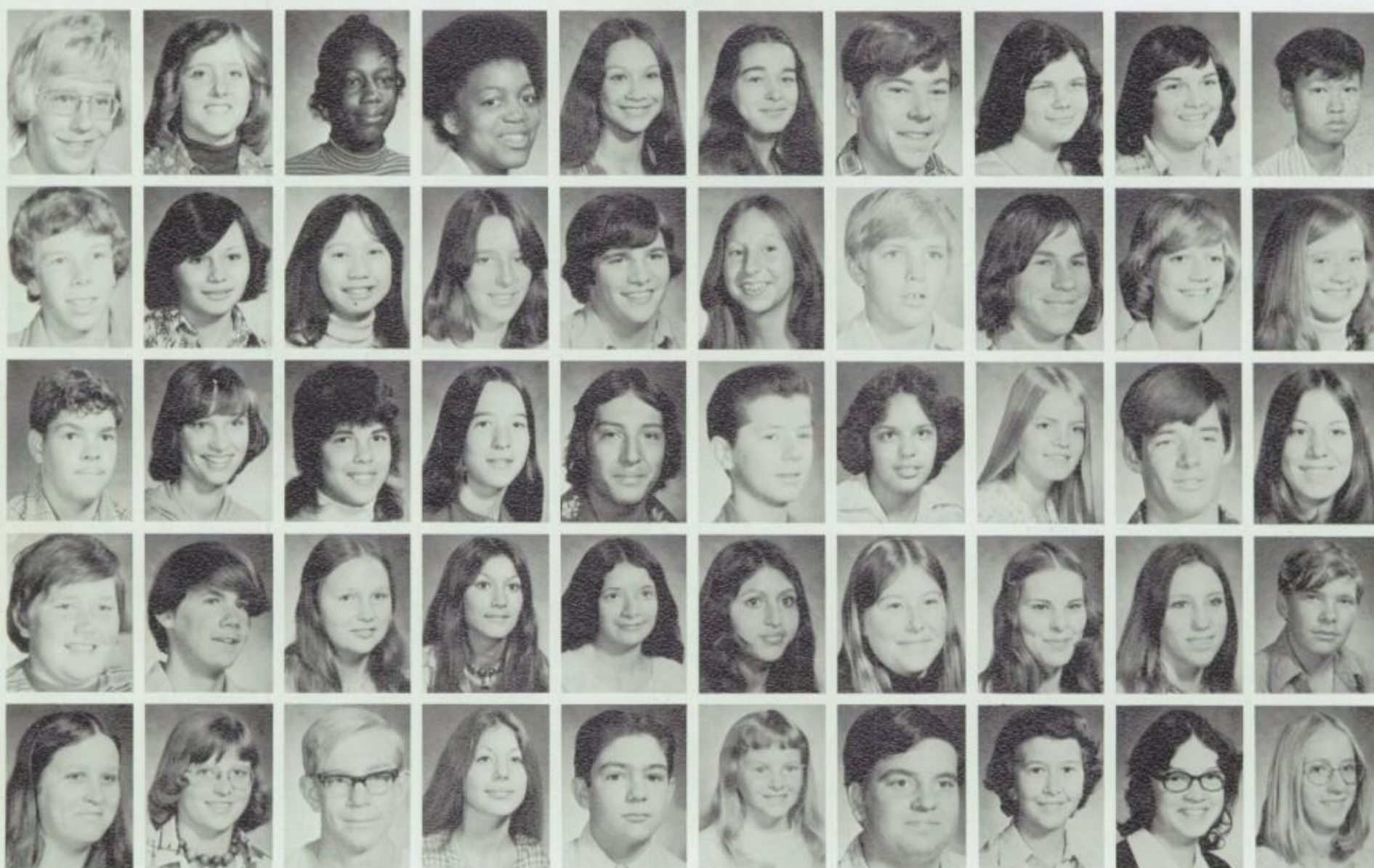
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Left: Sandy Sanchez, Connie Jiminez, and Lisa Bentley chat over their latest romances during noontime fun in the cafeteria. Lower Left: Julie Carlisle bewilderedly looks up at so-called friends after being "canned."



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Right: Bob Chandler sends the nearby girls his Pepsodent and Ultra-Brite smile, always guaranteed to knock 'em out. **Center:** The Crazy Day antics of Candy Bellew were said by some to be mere practice for her future role as Mrs. Kevin Bizzini. **Far Lower Right:** Diane Louis gets her kicks and excitement for the day by trying to choose her favorite sexy legs.

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Being new and inexperienced beginners, the Class of 79 had a slow start. The uncertainty of how and where to begin was a stumbling block at many times. As Fall Freshman president Brian Bell expressed, "We had a very slow beginning and didn't accomplish as much as we had expected, but with the assistance of advisor Miss Lopez and taking tips from the upper classmen we got more insight of how to operate under many circumstances."

With "more insight," they confidently began their spring semester by putting their ideas into constructive action. Promoting bakesales and carwashes, they aroused student involvement and with their new knowledge and enthusiasm for the future they have begun preparation for next years "Hearts and Lace" dance.

Being spirited when they arrived was beneficial to their great football season, and also strengthened their pride in the future as they shall soon become leaders in our community and country.

Above, Fall Freshman Class Officers, Karen Wolf, Secretary; Anita Velo, Vice President; Lori Santos, Representative; Bryan Bell, President.

Right, Spring Freshman Class Officers, Sitting, Sue Van Duyn, Vice President; Irena Corgiat, Treasurer. Standing, Anita Menghetti, Representative; Deana Crook, President; Candace Haley, Secretary.

Opposite Page, Freshman advisors Gloria Lopez and Marvin Lundquist discuss the success of the Social Studies Department's new experiment in geography: a six-week freshman orientation to the school.





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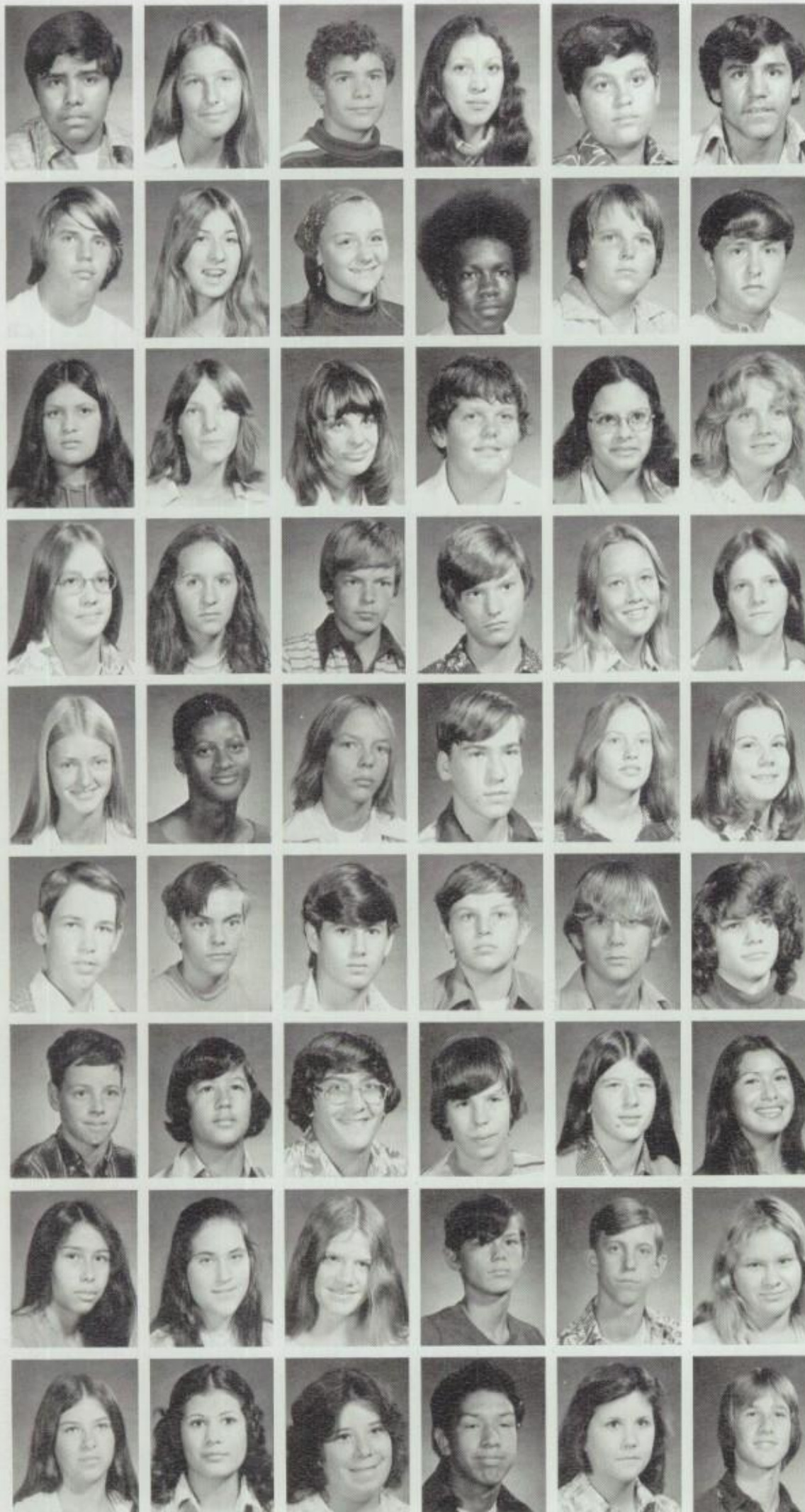
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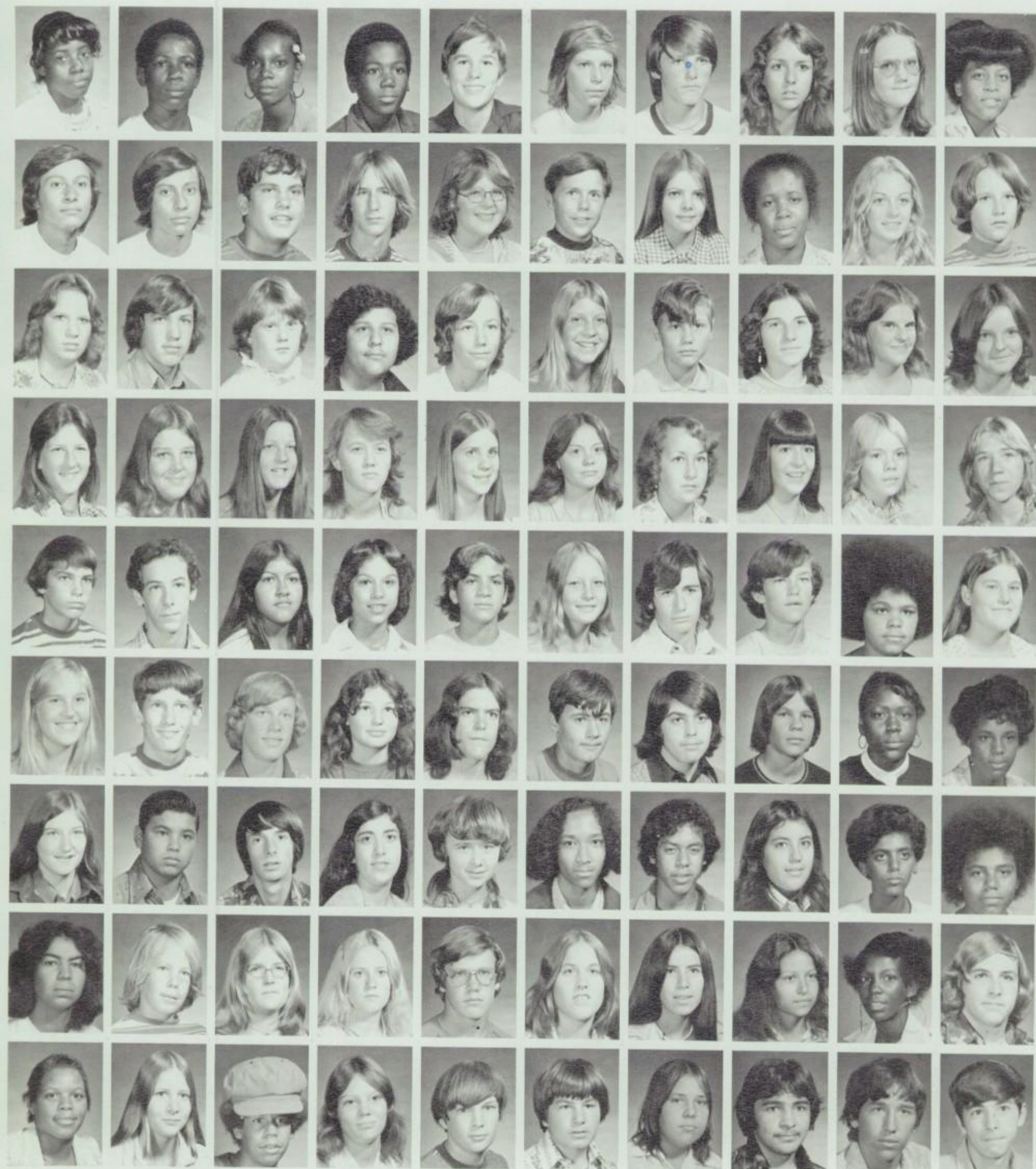
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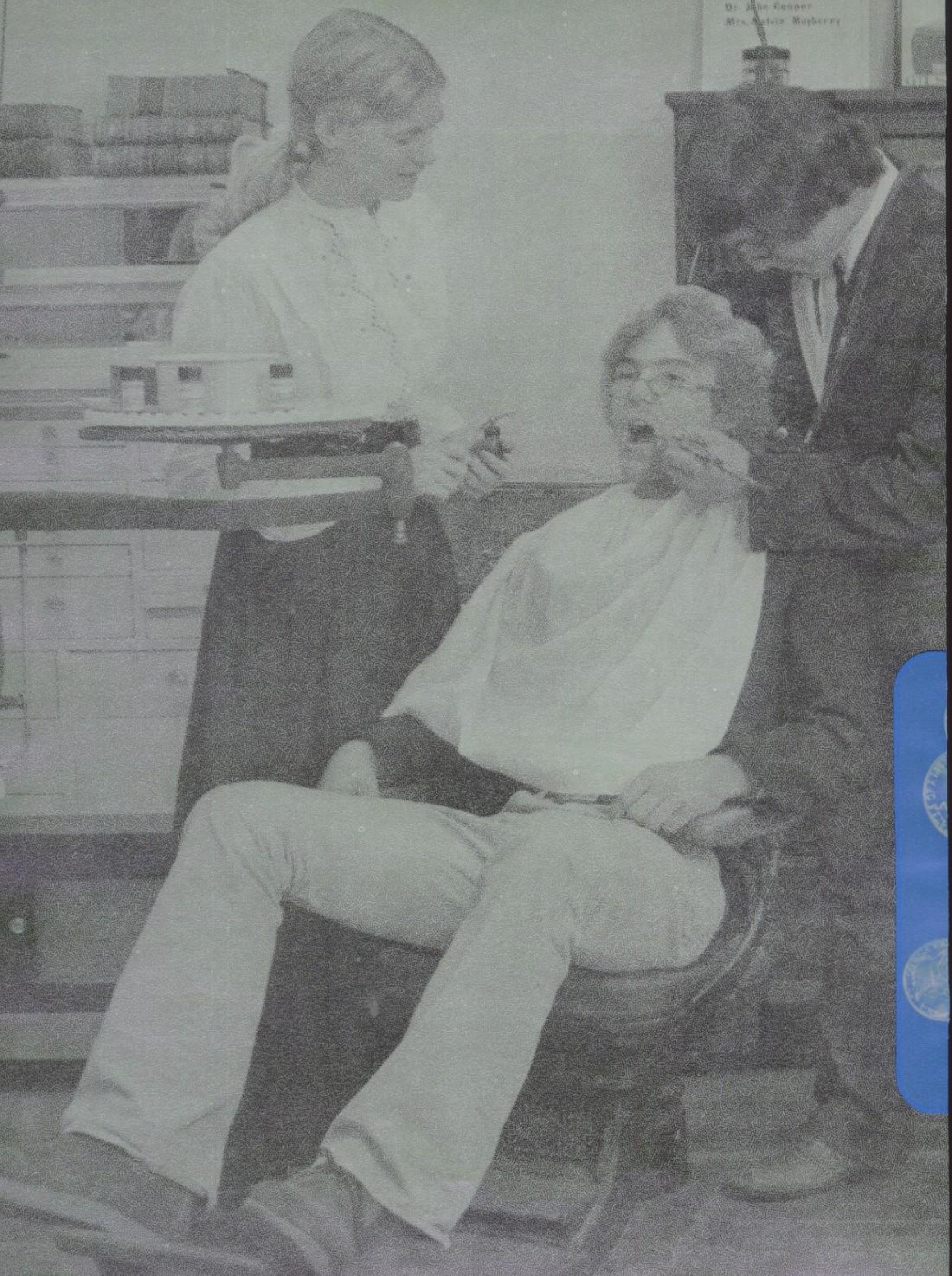


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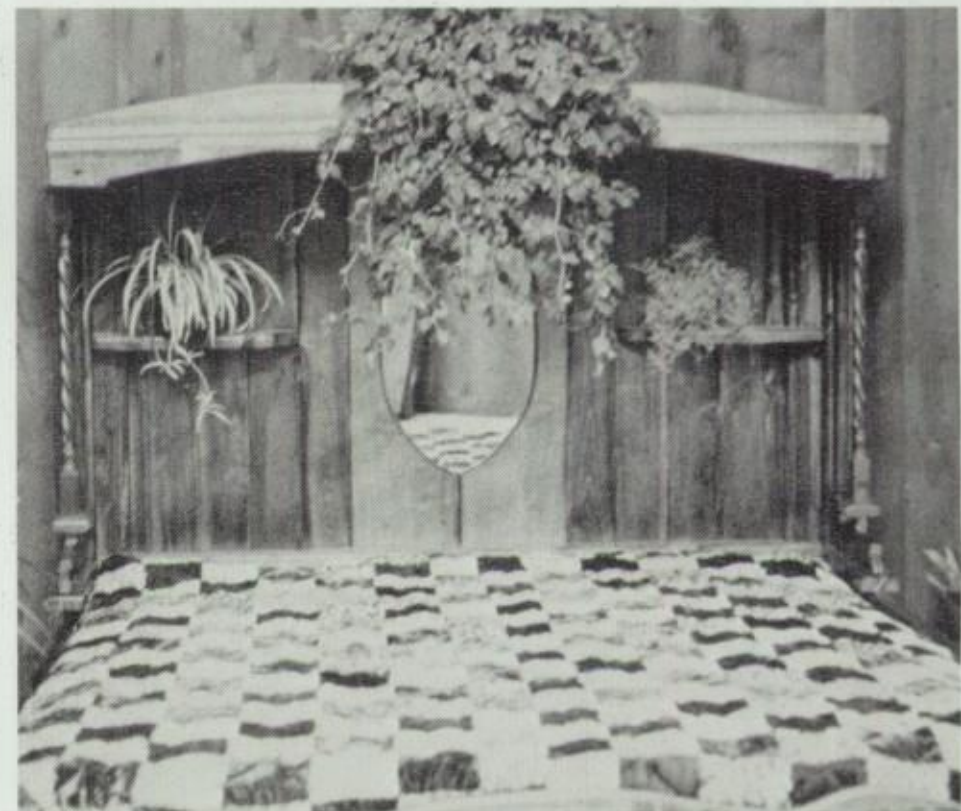
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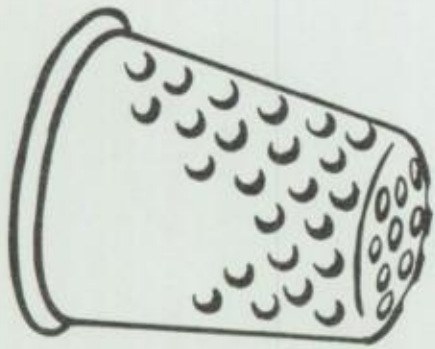
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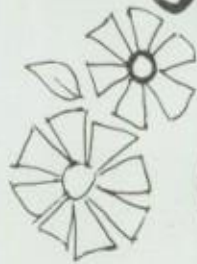
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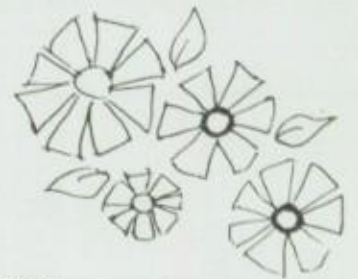


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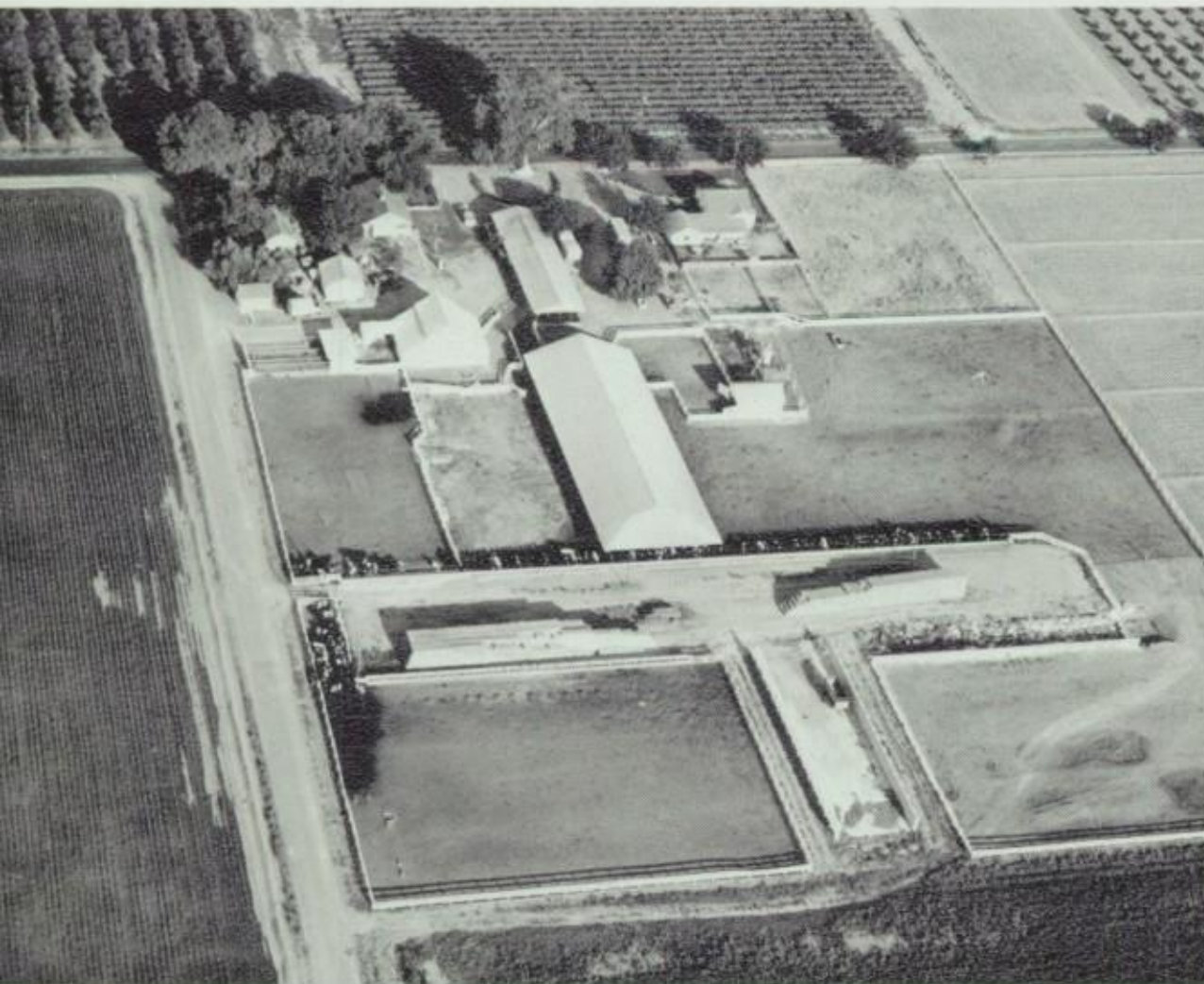
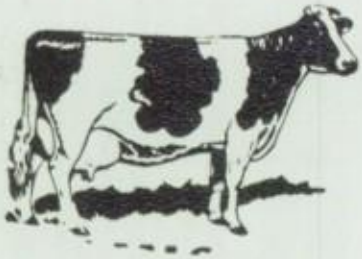
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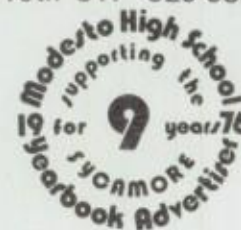
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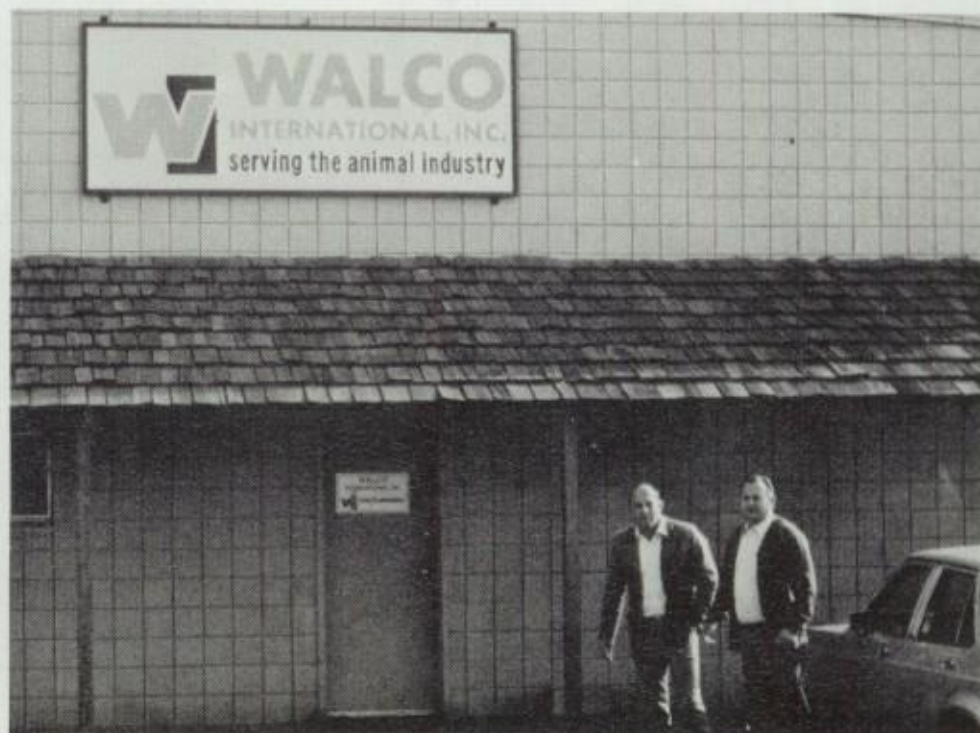
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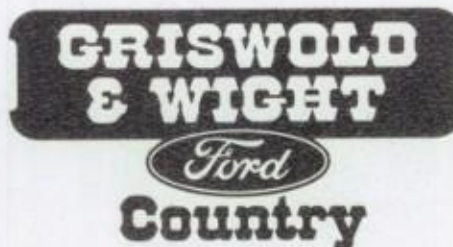
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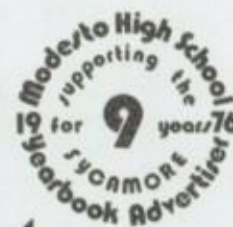
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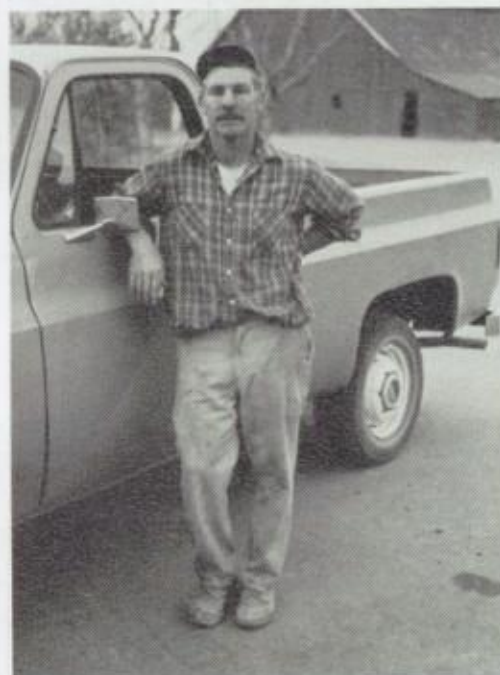
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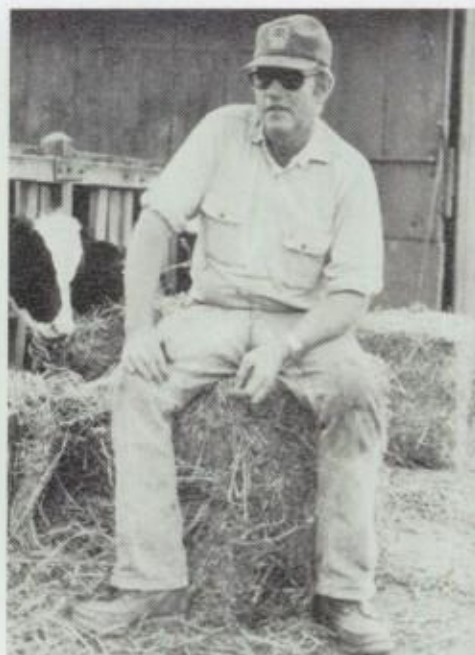
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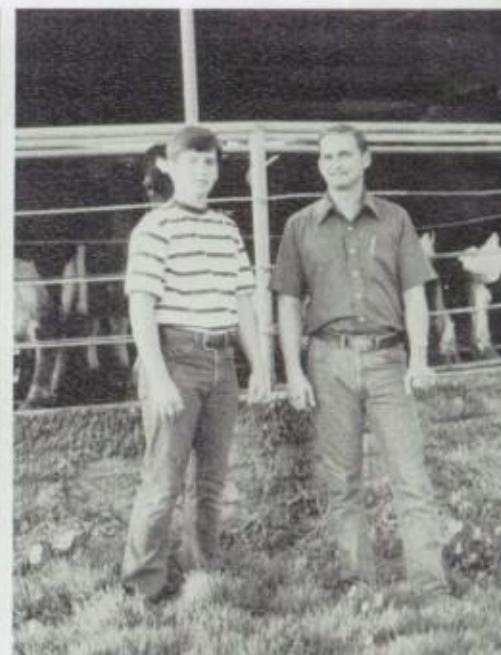
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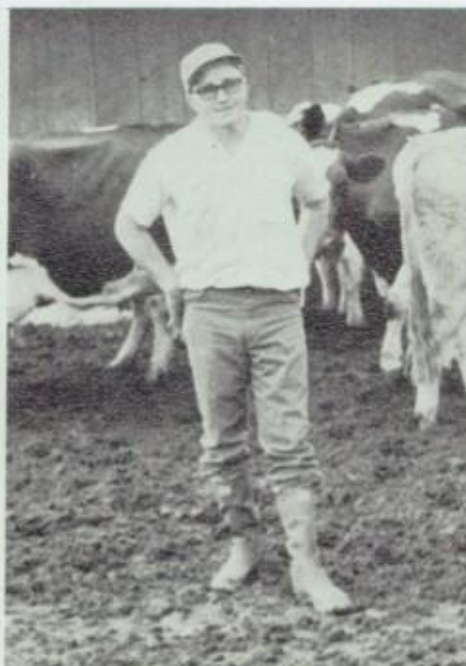
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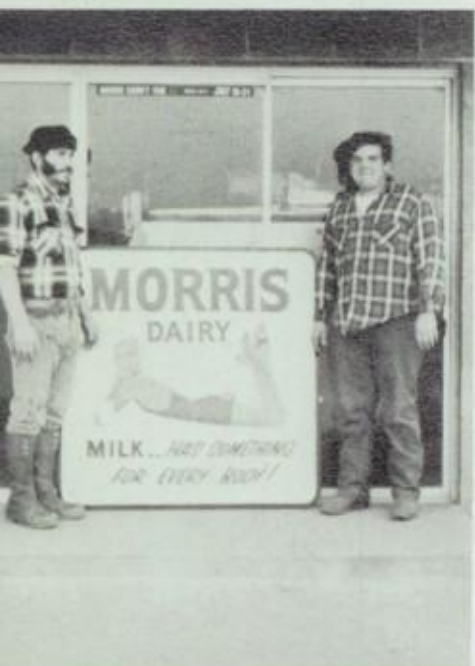
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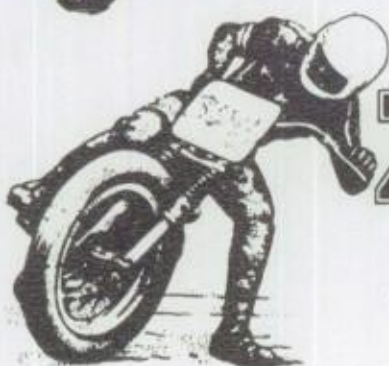


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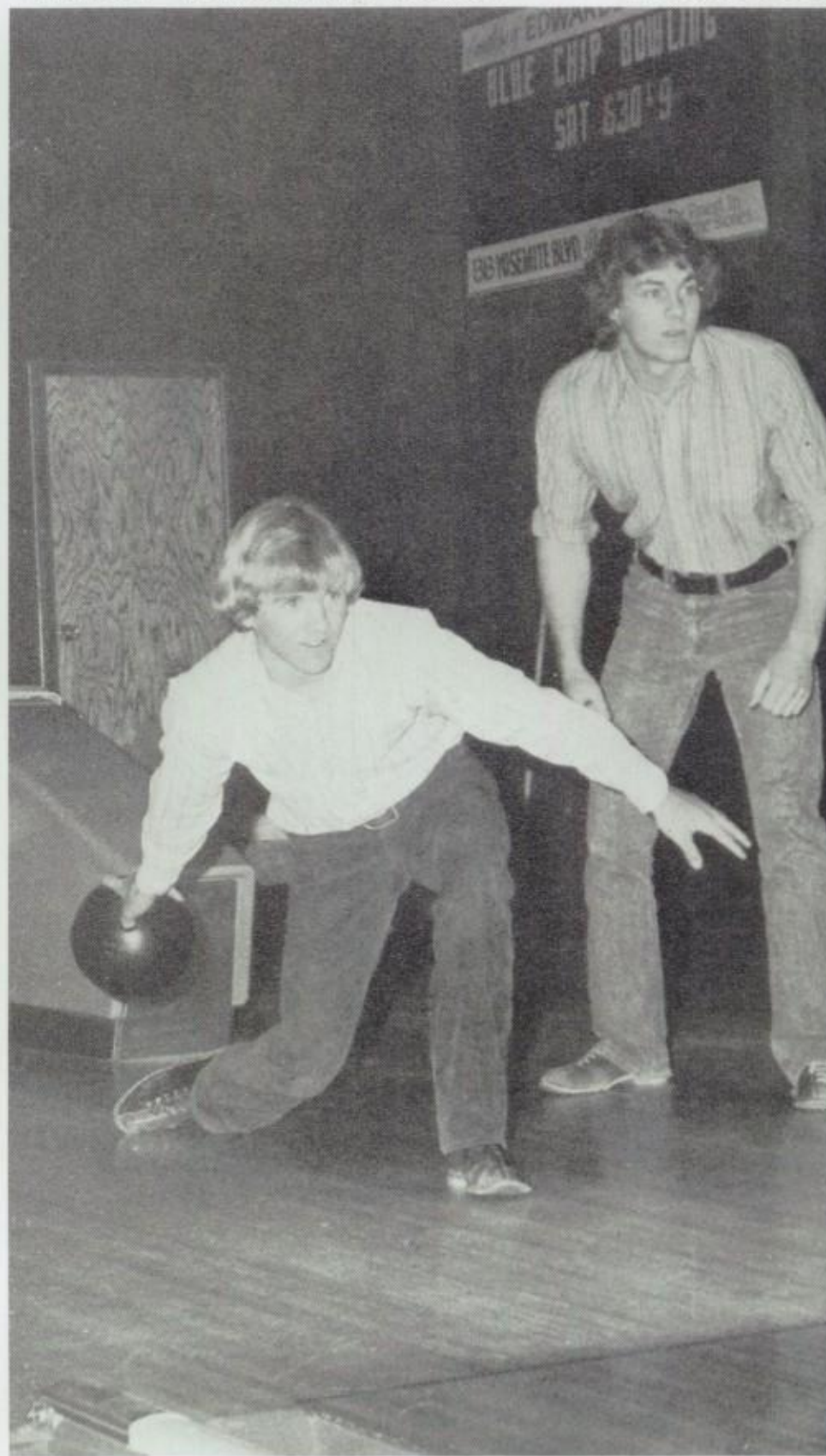
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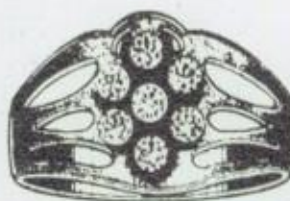


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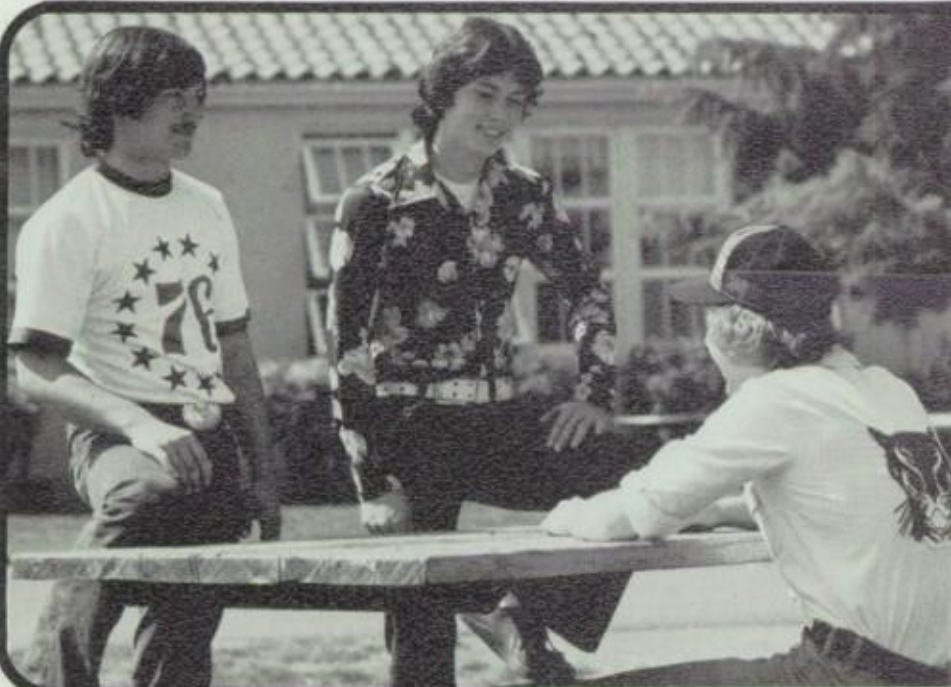
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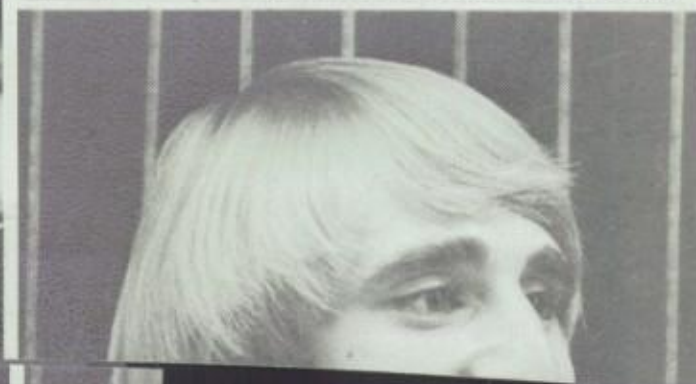
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Far Left, Gayle Chadwick smiles good morning to Sue, Lori, Jody and Sandy. Top Left, Mike Boyd and Jan Brink enjoy the excitement of the Homecoming football game. Left, Chris Mihelis looks to the sky as more of those beautiful white snowflakes float to the ground to the delight of the entire student body -and much of the staff. Below, Steve Hull grins after hearing one of the usual third period wisecracks. Right, Carolyn Allen thoroughly enjoys an afternoon frisbee game on the front lawn with friends. Far Lower Left, Reacting to a rare basketball victory, Lori Braden expresses her appreciation to the team. Lower Left, Dave Silva takes time out from printing pictures to enjoy a coke and a chocolate chip cookie.



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Left, Norma Anaya and Ceci Cardenas, together again, find it's difficult to stay on their feet when they're wearing the same pair of pants for Crazy Day. Lower Left, While many students were dressing up at any excuse, some were doing the opposite; Junior Odell waits his turn for a physical examination in the nurse's office. Below, Aunt Jemimah, alias Sandy Hart, entertains at the fall Sycamore assembly. Right, Fall mascots Steve Imelio and Sue Vincent perform in their much-praised skit-dance which filled the auditorium rally with laughter. Lower Center, Joni Strohm gets in the holiday spirit while studying for an English test. Lower Right, Danny Inderbitzen replies to Sue Sesser's remark as Louie Merenda, Bobby George, and Ski Angle read their lines out of a hat during the fall Sycamore assembly.

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Far Upper Left, Mike Cardoza daydreams about that certain someone during classtime. Upper Left, Mr. Autry shows the other teachers in the faculty lunchroom how to get a little more excitement out of cigarettes. Upper Center, Janet Rocha provides a steady beat while Jami Woodbridge launches balloons at the Bicentennial halftime show. Left, Terri Galvez, in a stylish midi dress and boots, leaves school for an off-campus lunch. Above, Tony Copobianco wakes up after a snooze to find a 35 mm camera in his face. Right, Mr. Adams pleads with Scott Clark to fire up the offense in the huddle for the next drive.

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HAPPY BICENTENNIAL UNCLE SAM

It has always been a day of patriotic fervor and playfulness, of sober reflection and sparklers. But this Fourth of July was full of events even more extraordinary than usual. On the East Coast, rockets burst over the ramparts as the glorious battles of the Revolution are re-enacted. At 2 pm EDT, exactly 200 years to the precise moment, bells rang all over the world for two minutes, echoing the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. The twelve-car Freedom Train visited cities all over the country, carrying everything from George Washington's copy of the Constitution to Clark Gable's script of "Gone With the Wind," as a presentation of America's two hundred years.

The events which take place this summer are termed "Rebirth of a Nation" and every city and state is doing its share. In 1975, at least 25 million Americans participated in planning, executing, or simply enjoying Bicentennial hoopla, and as the excitement grows in 1976, it is expected or at least hoped, that every American has become involved in one way or another. John Warner, the director of the national American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) said, "My hope is that the Bicentennial will be a beautiful mosaic of individual efforts." These individual efforts, thousands of them, range from stately art exhibitions in Boston and Washington to a peppery little chile cookoff in Texas and a giant fish Fry in Minneapolis.

Disneyland in Anaheim, California, and Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida have created possibly the most elaborate salutes to the Bicentennial to be seen anywhere. A grand and glorious thirty-minute parade entitled "America on Parade" features bands, floats, and hot air balloons depicting the growth of transportation, music, industry, communication, and food. This fantastic show features all the characters of Disney, plus costumes of Spanish explorers, revolutionaries, minutemen, and other familiar figures in American history.

Although most of the festivities are taking place in Boston, Philadelphia, Yorktown, Virginia, and Washington, DC, the surge for celebration has reached the midwest, the North, the South, the west coast, and even Hawaii.

In the past decade, Congress has appointed about \$41 million in seed money for the festivities and state and local corporate spending will probably swell the final bill to well over \$500 million.

It may turn into a beautiful, star-spangled, patriotic, red, white, and blue commemoration of America's birthday. It may also turn into a mess. Some cities contend that business has glutted the market with Bicentennial commercialism.

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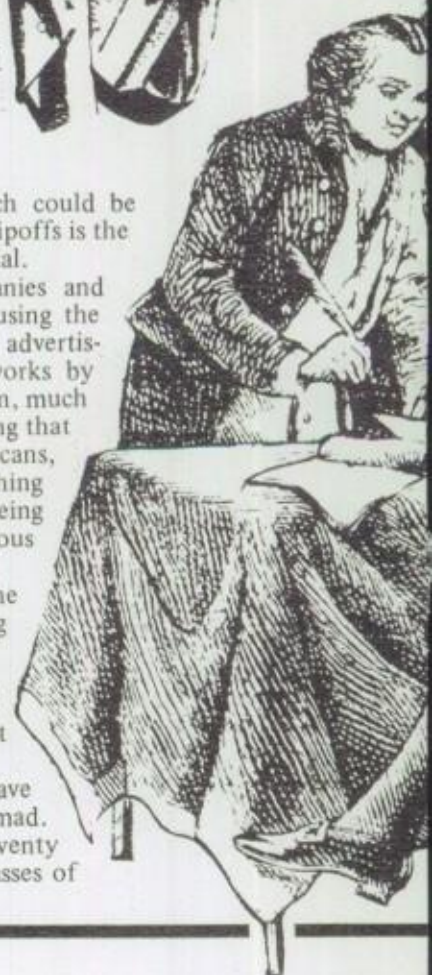
There have been many events in our nation's history which could be classified as "Great American Ripoffs." But, really, the ultimate in ripoffs is the Bicentennial, or as it has more commonly been spelled, Buy centennial.

Small businesses, large businesses, privately owned companies and world-wide corporations have thought of hundreds of gimmicks using the Bicentennial to promote sales, and chances are, it did. This type of advertising is used all the time. It is called transfer advertising and works by transmitting to us through something we, as Americans, take pride in, much in the same manner as when an athlete endorses a product. Everything that is red, white, and blue has always had a profound effect on Americans, and with the celebration of our nation's independence, everything imaginable has appeared, in this combination, many even being supplemented with gold stars, the American Bald Eagle, or the famous fife and drum trio.

"If you're looking for money, the Bicentennial can be the biggest bonanza in your lifetime. It's not too early to be thinking about how to cash in on the coming wave of patriotism, the likes of which we may not see for another 200 years," said one promoter. "Every man, woman, and child will be a red, white, and blue prospect come the Revolution." Or, as many other people have put it, "The Spirit of 76 is already on sale."

Items such as Bicentennial pens, which retail for one dollar, have flooded the market. Anything under five dollars sells like mad. Commemorative silver coins are being minted and sell for about twenty dollars a set. And every jeweler in the country has produced masses of

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rings, necklaces, watches, and pendants. Plate manufacturers are turning out dishes which picture a president in the center of a field of stars and stripes. These sets take a one-hundred-and-fifty-dollar chunk out of one's wallet.

Probably the biggest robberies of all are the collectors' items. These replicas are largely hand-made and relatively rare. The US Bicentennial Society of Richmond manufactures reproductions of George Washington's flintlock pistol, selling for \$2,500. Revere Copper and Brass Company produces a chess set which should be of interest to every patriot. The central characters are George Washington and Betsy Ross who are pitted against King George III and his queen, affordable at \$1,000. Boston jewelers Shreve, Crump, and Low have made a limited number of metal figurines, one of Paul Revere on his midnight ride, tagged at \$1,600; and perhaps the highest priced item celebrating the Bicentennial: a two foot, hand-made, silver model of the Mayflower, for a mere \$30,000. Even Wilkinson, the razor blade company that advertises a simple way to get a nick, is getting into the act. How about a replica of Washington's inaugural sword, only \$925? If you're looking for a way to get drunk and be patriotic at the same time, try some Jim Beam whiskey in the new Bicentennial bottles. If that fails to get you high enough, take a trip on United Airlines and take advantage of their special Bicentennial rates. Back on the ground, you will see every store in town advertising their special Bicentennial sale with bargains, bargains, bargains, many having no bearing whatsoever on the bicentennial but suddenly colored red, white, and blue. Says Robert Friedman, president of a New York advertising agency: "I don't know how many clients have called

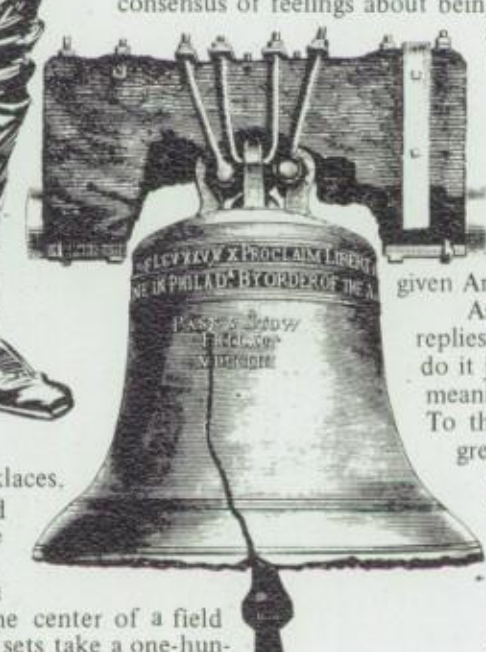
and said, 'OK, come up with a Bicentennial promotion,' when they have nothing to do with the Bicentennial and are just trying to sell more." Such items include: "Coffee. Rich started a revolution in good taste," and "So get a little American history from d-CON, the people who are helping to free America from bugs." Baskin-Robbins sells "red, white and blueberry" ice cream cones, and there is even an Uncle Sam mask. Of course, one can't be blamed for trying to make money. Climbing up the economic ladder is every businessman's intention. "There's nothing wrong with making a buck," says Robert Williams, executive secretary of the New York Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution. "Free enterprise is the thing that has made this country go zowiee." After all, it's the American Way of Life.

Is Patriotism Passé?

Realizing that whenever a person shows any patriotism or love towards his country, he is likely to be called "square," we ask ourselves the simple question, "What's wrong?" Why do people often act reluctant to sing the *Star Spangled Banner* or to give the pledge of allegiance? Must the United States re-establish what it means for the words freedom and liberty?

Though these are simple questions, there are no simple answers. Surely the patriotic fervor of the 70's is not as intense as it was during the Centennial and it can be argued that the three biggest contributing factors for this feeling of apathy are the downright defeat in Vietnam, the embarrassment of Watergate, and the slumping economy. Yet there is much more. Over the decades, Americans have come to take for granted their freedom and have started to make a mockery of the ideals it stands for. There is an old saying, "My country right or wrong," which some people think is more wrong than right. We, as a nation, have come to recognize the fact that our country is not infallible, and this has led to declining faith in our government, politics in general, and our entire capitalistic system.

In a survey conducted by the yearbook staff which encompassed many MHS students and teachers, two questions were asked: "What does freedom mean to you?" and "How do you feel about saluting the flag and singing the *Star Spangled Banner*?" The results seemed to form a consensus of feelings about being able to say what you believe and do what you please, as long as you are willing to be responsible for your actions, and not have anyone tell you differently.



"Freedom is being in a country where you can have your choice to believe in whatever or whoever you want," states one student. "To me, freedom is being able to say what you believe and not have anyone turn against you because of it," adds another. "Freedom to me means responsibility!" says Social Studies chairman, Jack Sample. "The US Constitution guarantees basic freedoms that have given Americans the greatest opportunities of any people on earth."

As to the pledge of allegiance and the *Star Spangled Banner*, the replies were more diversified. "I think it's a joke," says one. "People do it just to be doing it." In reality, the pledge of allegiance has a deep meaning and many people complained that no one understands it. To those who do understand its meaning, especially adults, it is a great literary masterpiece which reflects a personal thought. "Saluting the flag gives me a great sense of pride." Most people objected to the requirement of repeating it every day because that detracts from its purpose. But for special occasions, "we should observe it because Americans must regain respect for their country."

Repeatedly discussed is the contention that the National Anthem should be re-written because it is very hard to sing. Most students said they didn't mind singing it at athletic contests or other special occasions because "somehow it seems right," and many students remarked that hearing it always gives them a surge of pride in America. "It makes me tingle all over," one girl exulted.

What can be said, then, of the state of American patriotism? Realizing that this nation is the oldest continuing democracy in the world, that democracy as a form of government is on the decline world-wide, and that we as Americans have more freedom and liberty for personal activity and expression than most people have ever dreamed of, how can we not take pride in being US citizens? As a matter of fact, we do. Perhaps more genuinely than ever before, certainly with less fanfare and gaudy displays, people are still patriotic. Not a single response on the survey indicated anything less than thankfulness and gratitude for being US citizens.

But we've awakened to the fact that no longer can we be Big Brother to the world, or provide a refuge for all who might wish to flee tyranny, or even always be "right" about our national commitments. No longer would any other nation honor us with a gift such as the Statue of Liberty, nor would our poets write of it:

Give me your tired, your poor,
 Your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free,
 The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
 Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me:
 I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

This sobering realization has brought many problems, most profound of which is the loss of national consensus and a confusion about our goals and purpose. Yet a growing conservative trend is apparent, a willingness to be satisfied with less than supremacy, which may lead us into our third century of nationhood less expansive, less ambitious, but just as proud of the American Way of Life.

crowded field for presidential election tops year's activities

By all rights, 1976 should be a Democratic year. The Republicans are burdened with a limp economy and an intramural fight that may cost them even the advantage of running an incumbent President. But Democrats in recent years have shown an almost boundless talent for making things difficult for themselves. This time they have clogged the field with no fewer than ten declared candidates and two undeclared ones. (Newsweek, January 12, 1976)

The biggest contest, it seemed, was the Reagan vs. Ford campaign. Ford had the advantage by being the incumbent, but the fact that Reagan was twice elected governor in a democratic state, and by sizable margins nonetheless, gave him a very favorable chance. In fact, at times, Reagan was ahead of Ford in the Gallup poll. Ford was faced with the insatiable need to fall down a lot and bump his head on helicopter doors, not to mention his unprofessional attacks on speeches, and his much criticized joy of shuffling the entire chiefs of staff. Meanwhile, the dancing boy from the sunshine state toured the countryside, smiling at the ladies.

But the Democrats were not to be left out. They entered the primaries with veterans George Wallace and Hubert Humphrey, and others such as Henry "Scoop" Jackson, Georgia's Jimmy Carter, Fred Harris, and the list went on. Their problem was their sheer inflated number, not their want of individual talent; none, in the early contests, were able to struggle free of the pack.

They debated over Watergate; they debated over busing; they debated over anything and everything that would bring them votes. Yet one startling fact was burdened upon all of them. The percentage of voting-age Americans who voted in the 1972 election was 54.5—a twenty-four year low—and the common guess was that the turnout would be no higher in 1976. As Terry Sanford, the dark horse N. Carolina Democrat, put it, "It looks to me as if we may give an election and nobody will come."

The small south African country of Angola celebrated its independence in November 1975 after being held for over 500 years as a Portuguese colony. Immediately, outside interests set up two rival republics, each with their own government and capital city. In Luanda, the Russians set up the Marxist Popular movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) and infiltrated the country with masses of soldiers, automatic weapons, and ammunition. When the United States realized a communist government was trying to move in, they quickly began supplying the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) with millions of dollars worth of aid.

The Soviets continued to pour truckloads of soldiers and weapons into Angola. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger stated that if this persisted, the United States would vigorously protest. By this time, the Russians had supplied the MPLA with a deadly rocket and missile attack system and also provided fifty T-54 tanks and a dozen MIC-21 jet fighter bombers.

In the United States, a major debate was brewing over the American involvement. Senator Birch Bayh charged that the US was "drifting into Angola (in a way) frighteningly reminiscent of our drive into involvement in Vietnam." Iowa Senator Dick Clark tried desperately to get a measure passed which would allow aid to be sent only upon approval of Congress.

As most Americans understood it, detente was supposed to put an end to all that. (Detente in English means "peaceful meeting" and was kicked off in the summer of 1975 by the Soviet/American linkup in space) Now, the detente issue seemed desperately in trouble. *Newsweek* magazine ran a cover story entitled "Angola: detente under fire" and stated that the US and Russia were at it again—this time in "a proxy war over an obscure piece of African real estate." However, the Russians didn't think it was so obscure. Angola would provide Russia with an outlet to the Atlantic and also entitle them to all their resources, including gold, copper, oil, and diamonds. US officials also worried that bases in Angola could enable the Soviet Union to expand its naval influence in the South Atlantic. What's more, an MPLA victory might well turn Angola into a base that the Soviet Union could use for further subversion in Africa—especially against neighboring Zaire and Zambia, the two pro-Western nations.



As some people saw it the Russian intervention in Angola was a test to probe America's post-Vietnam weaknesses. A Senate decision to close up shop in Angola stood ready to be reversed if the lawmakers perceived that the American public was unwilling to hand over Angola to the Russians. But so far, the overriding impulse in Congress was that this time around, the United States was not going to get bogged down in a dirty little jungle war in Africa.

The year of 1976 also saw the end to one of the most bizarre kidnapping cases in US History. Patty Hearst, who was kidnapped from her apartment in Berkeley, February 4th, 1974, and who led police, private investigators, and the FBI on wild and frustrating chases from California to the east coast, was found in September 1975 in an apartment only a few miles away from the site of her abduction.

When Patty took the witness stand, after being in jail for nearly 5 months, her defense was that the SLA had kidnapped her, tortured her, and threatened to kill her at any time. Defense attorney F. Lee Bailey hoped to convince the jury that the trauma of captivity had transformed Patty almost beyond recognition and had made her capable of participating in a crime. Prosecutor James L. Browning argued that she had many chances to escape. At the robbery of the Hibernia Bank in San Francisco, she was given a loaded gun and waved it freely throughout the heist. In an incident at Mel's Sporting



Far Left, One of the many Democratic candidates running for election, Jimmy Carter, the back-home governor from Georgia, gets down to earth with the people. **Left**, Soviet-backed MPLA troops march through Luanda, Angola. **Far Lower Left**, A strong contender for the Republican nomination, Ronald Reagan makes a political point during the Florida campaign. **Lower Center**, Secret Service men stuff President Ford into the limousine after Sara Jane Moore's shot rang out. **Lower Left**, Patty Hearst tells her story to the jury in San Francisco.

Back in court, the ideal was more of a battle between the two lawyers; Browning the somewhat lesser experienced attorney who seemed to have a clear-cut case against Patty; and Bailey, whose professional tactics both in and out of the courtroom made any further increments from the government ineffective. The whole world hoped that, perhaps, someday, the truth would come.

With the return of "hand gun politics" in the US, demonstrated by the two assassination attempts of President Ford, politicians, especially the likes of Edward Kennedy and George Wallace, began secretly shaking in their boots.

While Ford was touring the country aiming for a little pre-campaign campaigning, two California women were aiming at him. Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a proven member of the Charles Manson "family," dressed in a red, loose-fitting gown, tied a red bandana around her head, and went to see the President. She was there amongst the hundreds of other people who turned out at the Senator Hotel in Sacramento and appeared just like anyone else, except for the Colt 45 revolver strapped around her leg.

As Ford came out of the Hotel surrounded by Secret Service men, Squeaky motioned toward him, reached under her dress, withdrew her weapon, and...Admidst the confusion, the hustling of bodies here and there, and the yell of "Gon!" by the president's body guard, a trail yet definite cry of "It didn't go off" came from Squeaky as she was wrestled to the ground by SS men. Later in court, the clerk read a formal complaint charging that she "knowingly and willfully" attempted to kill the President. Bail was set at one million dollars.

Merely a few days after this incident came another attempt on Ford's life. As the crowd gathered outside the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, Sara Jane Moore appeared as "just another face in the crowd." This lady of 45 waited patiently as Ford came out of the hotel and moved towards his limousine. He gave a wave to the crowd as a shot rang out, missing him by a shy five feet. Again the SS men went into the protection act, shoving Ford into the car and speeding away from the crowd. Ford realized he had two strikes against him and knew that on the third strike, he'd be out.

It was 3:00 am in Guatemala City when the first tremor struck. Within minutes, entire villages were destroyed, the densely populated slum sections of the capital were transformed into masses of rubble— and thousands of people were buried under tons of debris. Panick-stricken survivors clawed their way to the safety of the streets, their screams mixing with the sounds of sirens and crashing buildings. The earthquake, which lasted only thirty-nine seconds, totally destroyed at least six villages and at least 20 percent of all the buildings in the capital city, killed an estimated 20,000 people, injured 60,000 and left hundreds of thousands homeless.

Many mountain towns were forced to go without food for a week. Starvation and disease were expected to add to the death toll before roads could be cleared to bring aid. Hundreds of corpses, covered only by thin sheets, lined the streets. Surgeons from the capital's General Hospital performed operations in field tents outside the damaged hospital.

The homeless survivors spent the chilly nights in the streets or under tents made from blankets. Food and water were scarce. Food prices rose tremendously as thousands of people swarmed to the public taps. In one small town, 100 quake victims were hurriedly buried in a mass grave to guard against an outbreak of disease. Families who went to bury their dead found that the coffins of long-dead relatives had been uncovered by the quake. Others had to wait in line for access to the cemeteries.

The United Nations Disaster Relief Organization mobilized aid for Guatemala, coordinating the efforts of both governments and international relief agencies. The United States allocated \$1 million in aid, sent a 100 bed portable hospital staffed by 24 American doctors, water tanks, electric power generators, blood plasma and antibiotics. Nicaragua, which lost more than 10,000 people in an earthquake that virtually destroyed its capital city in 1973, set up a military airlift for food and medical supplies. By week's end, however, almost no relief supplies had reached victims in the hardest hit parts of the interior. The extent of their need could only be signaled by the clouds of dust that rose above the rubble of their towns.

Goods in Los Angeles she rescued Bill Harris, one of her abductors, with a shot from a carbine when a store attendant caught him shoplifting. Patty traveled from the Bay area to a secluded farmhouse near Scranton Pennsylvania with sports radical Jack Scott, (who carried no gun) and never made an attempt to escape. In Penn., she was almost a mile away from Bill and Emily Harris, and was permitted to leave the house to go jogging at times, but still no attempt to escape. Patty's response was, "Where would I have gone?"

A point that Patty brought out while on the stand was that she was convinced the authorities were out to kill her, a belief reinforced, she claimed, when Los Angeles police stormed an SLA hideaway in the famous fiery shoot out that she, incidentally, watched on television in an apartment only a few miles away. She recalled how the announcers pointed out that she was thought to be in the house that was being blasted with more than 5,000 rounds of ammunition.

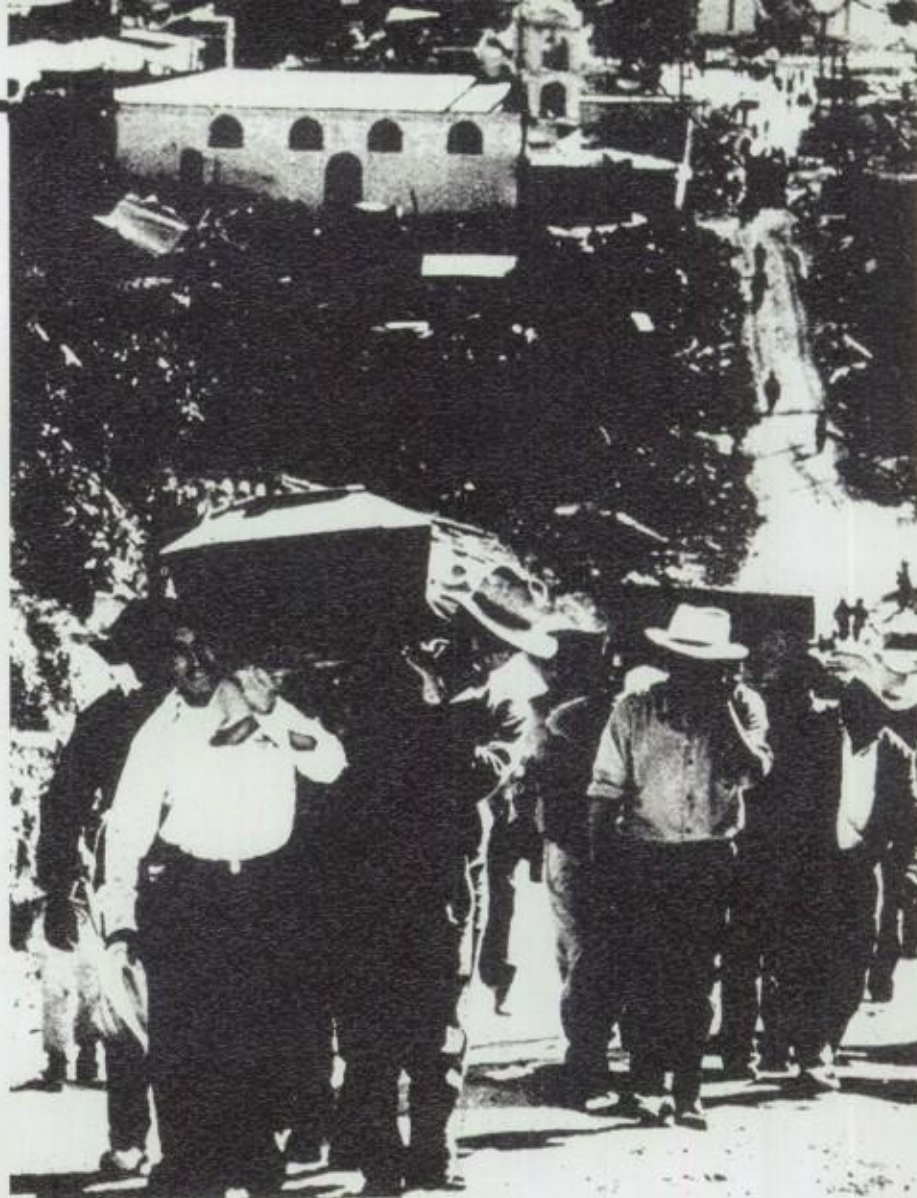
The trial included not only courtroom sessions, but trips to the places where Patty was reportedly held captive. Bailey had the jurors inspect the closets where she had been held for over two months, hoping that this may hit upon a sympathetic note with the seven women jurors.

As if the world wasn't moving fast enough already with its high speed cars, rapid transit systems, satellites, nuclear technology and what not, the Concorde Super Sonic Transport made its debut. And what a debut it was. Breaking the record time of flight from London to New York, this odd shaped phenomenon from a science fiction movie charged its way into the limelight of national and inter-national news by posting a speed of over 1,000 mph; almost twice the speed of sound.

It seemed that in a world where technological advancements are highly welcomed, the SST would be gladly accepted. However, the increasing concern over environmental protection sparked a very serious debate. The Concorde, it seemed, produced even more noise and pollution than the current generation of jumbo jets, and gobbled fuel at a monstrous rate, thereby giving it a range of only 4,000 miles in contrast to 8,000 for a Boeing 747, and carried only 100 passengers in a cabin that was cramped and crowded by comparison to commercial jetliners. The price of flight was as much as 20% more than conventional first class fares, possibly because of the mere price of one of these crafts—\$65 million.

It was also argued that the exhaust emissions from SST's would decay the ozone layer, thereby permitting solar radiation to reach the earth. But Transportation Secretary William Coleman, Jr. said there was evidence that the ozone layers had actually increased in recent years. However, Coleman did not argue the point of air pollution, which, in the case of carbon monoxide, was up to ten times as much as jets.

It was uncertain what role the SST would play in future years or whether it would be accepted as a major way of transportation. A sixteen month trial period was approved starting in the spring, hopefully to answer some of the difficult questions of technology versus ecology. In the case of the Concorde, it was up to the aircraft itself to provide the answers.



Upper Left, Survivors of the Guatemala Earthquake carry victims to the cemetery atop the hill. **Upper Right**, One of the most unusual scenes ever recorded at Modesto High, the snowfall of February 5 blanketed the entire school and provided an excuse for a winter frolic right on campus. **Above**, Franz Klammer turned on the Austrian Alps with his electrifying gold medal downhill run for a record-breaking victory. **Above Center**, The Goodyear airship, Columbia, makes a stop at the Modesto City/County Airport. **Above Right**, MHS faculty members Marilee Abercrombie, Bob Welch, Mary Baker, John McCaffery, and Les Peterson listen to proposals for course of action in planning for the Phase II slowdown. Generally, students were sympathetic or outright supportive, but objected to cancellation of traditional programs and felt most actions were more punitive of the students than of the school board.

Aloft the grandeur of the snow-capped Austrian Alps, 1,054 athletes stood proudly as the torch bearer lighted the traditional flame to commemorate the beginning of the XII Winter Olympics. The Olympic Village of Innsbruck, Austria awoke from its slumber which began twelve years earlier when the last chimes of victory echoed through the Alps from the IX Winter Olympics.

The exciting, but extremely tense, atmosphere that is common to competitive events was felt by each athlete, but magnified to match the superior level of the games. Bewildered camera-men, alert security persons, devoted spectators, and the determined athletes compromised the bulk of a most memorable Olympics.

rare snowfall boosts student morale with hint of future improvement



If one good thing came out of a year in which sports teams ended with losing records and spirit seemed to have all but disappeared, it was the fact that these misfortunes somehow brought a feeling of school unity. No longer could seniors boast about being the best, nor could the athletes of one sport brag about having a better season than another. However it was viewed, whether fortunate or unfortunate, the events of 1976 brought about a year of mixed emotions.

Students who for three years had been leaders of their class in terms of scholastic achievement and school service saw each attempt at promoting spirit drowned in a sea of apathy, yet some did not give up the struggle and were constant in their efforts to make something exciting out of Modesto High.

Some attributed the apathetic feeling to the teacher slowdown. As a result of this portion of Phase II of the teacher-school board conflict, members of the MTA refused to take sixth period assignments, and boycotted all extra-curricular activities that they considered voluntary, including club advising. The teachers, who had originally requested a 15% raise but were later willing to settle for 8%, were given 7.5% in a unilateral decision by the Board of Education, whose members declared that they were already dipping into reserves and could not go higher. Studies from the teachers' side showed that the Board could go at least to eight percent, and teachers grumbled that if their position on salaries and other issues was not met, they would be forced into Phase III: strike.

Staging a school activity in which every student, teacher, administrator, and staff employee can share enjoyment whole-heartedly is, at the least, very improbable. Yet on February 5, 1976, the snowfall, which lasted over four hours, was an activity the entire school, if not the entire city of Modesto, enjoyed. Celebrating the rare occurrence, students and staff alike took to the out-of-doors to frolic in the frosty weather, with snowballs and wet feet a common result. Yet the mere fact of it snowing in Modesto was not the oddest thing about it. The oddest part was that it followed the most serious drought in recent history, during which no rainfall was recorded in over two months in the middle of winter.

Another first for Modesto was the appearance of the Goodyear Blimp. On its way home to southern California, the blimp made a brief stay in Modesto, flying around town all day and until late at night, while making stops at the City/County airport to take on new passengers. Aside from the obvious advertisement, the flashing light panels on either side of the huge dirigible provided an amazing nighttime attraction.

In sum, 1976 was a year of effort, if not always accomplishment. Although obstacles appeared awesome at times, we never gave up. To seniors, especially, this is an important part of life itself. For over 200 years, facing life with a positive attitude has helped shape America into the great country it is. And we would like to think that our four years at Modesto High have helped to shape this school into the great institution that it is and will become.

From the first, the Olympics proved to be an exciting two weeks for everyone involved. Franz Klammer, an Austrian downhill skier, started the games with a breath-taking record time of 1:45.73 in the downhill. The American fans held their heads high with pride as the US athletes pulled surprise after surprise. Bill Koch made many jaws drop as he finished second in the European-dominated sport of cross country skiing. A shocking silver, an earned gold, and a finishing bronze was the success story of speed skater Sheila Young. Miss Young became the first American ever to win three medals in the Winter Games. Dorothy Hamill overcame her extreme nervousness to score a gold in figure skating over Dianne de Leeuw of the Netherlands.

a past to remember, a future to mold

It was difficult to leave Modesto High School. It was difficult to leave behind all the great moments spent with each other, probably because, in a way, high school is the most important time of one's life.

Whether these years at MHS will be remembered as merely providing a place to meet with friends for a good time or as a place where some real educational value was acquired, we leave happy with the fact that they were both fun and worthwhile. And we are secure with the knowledge that we have perpetuated many valuable MHS traditions, while adding our own refinements and improvements to a 200-year long Way of Life.

It's been said that each man marches to the beat of a different drummer. So beat your drum proudly and remember this is still a beautiful country. The Class of '76, now recorded as history, remains a part of the MHS Way of Life.

